

Demjanjuk guilty on all counts

By ERNIE MEYER

John Demjanjuk was last night identified by his judges as "Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka" and pronounced guilty on all counts of war crimes, crimes against the Jewish people and crimes against humanity. Sentencing will take place next Monday.

The verdict was given by court president Judge Dov Levin at 7:53 last night. After about 10 hours of reading the text of the verdict, Levin finally pronounced the words: "We find that the accused, John Demjanjuk, is Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka."

Earlier in the day, it had become clear that the verdict would be guilty, as Levin and his associates, Judges Zvi Tal and Dalia Dorner, took turns reading the salient sections of the long reasoned judgment. There was brief applause as Levin said the crucial sentence, but the outburst was immediately suppressed by the court clerk and police.

Defence attorney Yoram Sheftel said after the session that the defence intended to appeal the verdict.

Levin said that the cumulative weight of the evidence had made it clear beyond reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was Ivan. The conviction was based on the witnesses' identification of Demjanjuk from his photographs. This was supported by the evidence of the Trawniki identity card and the lies the accused used in building his alibi. That collapsed alibi almost amounted to a confession, Levin said.

"We do not hesitate to pronounce the ID card genuine and to say that the photo on it is that of the accused," the judge said. "The absence of an explicit posting to Treblinka on the card does not bother us. His alibi statement that he spent 18 months at the Chelm POW camp and therefore could not have been at Treblinka, is false."

Levin gave further reasons. The court did not believe Demjanjuk's claim that he had only

learned to drive in 1947, thereby suggesting that he could not have operated the gasoline engine supplying the poisonous fumes at the Treblinka gas chambers.

Levin also quoted damaging statements Demjanjuk had made to the police. On one occasion he had told an investigator: "You are pushing me towards Treblinka." He had also said that the court should try the "big wheels," such as Eichmann had been, rather than Ivan, who had been only a small cog in the German machinery of extermination. He then quickly hedged his statement by adding that he was only speaking theoretically, and not talking about himself. "Why pick on the poor Ukrainian prisoners of war?"

Demjanjuk was not in the courtroom when he was found guilty as charged. Before the session the accused complained of back pains, and was unable to walk.

Half an hour before the session opened, sev-

en policemen carried him stretched out full length towards his box in the courtroom, but instead of depositing him there, they went right on and carried him out of the room, to his cell.

When the session finally opened at 8:42 a.m. Gill stood up and said: "John Demjanjuk has again injured his back and is unable to sit erect. Even the slightest movement hurts him. We request that the court proceed without him and that he be permitted to listen to the proceedings from his cell."

After consulting the prosecution, Levin agreed to the request.

The courtroom was packed, with many of the survivor witnesses and their families sitting in the first four rows. The accused's wife, Vera Demjanjuk, their son John, their daughter Lydia, and Lydia's husband Ed Nishnik sat grimaced in the third row.

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Demjanjuk (legs visible) is carried out of the courtroom.

Tunis reports sighting Israeli plane during raid

Arafat, Assad may meet at Abu Jihad's funeral in Syria

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
Post Arab Affairs Reporter
and Agencies

PLO Chief Yasser Arafat and longtime foe Syrian President Hafez Assad appear poised for a possible meeting and reconciliation today following the announcement that Arafat's assassinated deputy, Khalil al-Wazir, will be buried in Damascus.

Meanwhile, Tunisia said yesterday that an Israeli Boeing 707 military jet bearing the markings 4X377, and carrying sophisticated electronic jamming equipment, had flown near Tunis at the time of Wazir's assassination Saturday.

This confirmed Israeli complicity in the killing, said the official Tunisian news agency Tap. Tunisia is protesting to the UN Security Council over Israel's alleged role in Wazir's assassination, Tap said.

The news agency, reporting the

findings of a special committee of inquiry into Wazir's murder said: "The aircraft stayed in an international air corridor some 55 km from Tunisian territory so as not to expose itself to intervention by the Tunisian air force."

It added that the aircraft used electronic equipment to cut telecommunications in the Tunis suburb of Sidi Bou Said at the time Wazir was gunned down.

In Damascus, George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said President Assad had given permission for all PLO leaders to attend Wazir's funeral today, including Arafat. There was no official PLO confirmation, however, that Arafat would attend.

Arafat has not been in Damascus since 1983 when he and Wazir were expelled after Arafat criticized Assad for backing a mutiny within the

organization against Arafat's leadership. Habash was among the anti-Arafat forces.

Recently, there have been moves toward reconciliation within the PLO.

Palestinian sources in Damascus yesterday said Arafat may use Wazir's funeral as a turning point in his relations with Syria. They said Arafat was expected to attend the funeral, which will be held with full military honours, and to meet Assad.

PLO spokesman Ahmed Abderahman said in Tunis yesterday that funeral plans were changed after PLO foreign affairs chief Farouk Kaddoumi was formally told on Sunday that Syria would welcome all the PLO leadership at the burial. The original plan was to have the body flown to Jordan yesterday and the burial to take place today in the Alshahab cemetery, in the Jordan (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Israel Arabs reject call for nat'l day of mourning

By DAVID RUDGE

SHFARAM - Israeli Arab leaders yesterday rejected calls to declare a national day of mourning for assassinated PLO military commander Abu Jihad.

The decision was made at a special meeting here of the secretariat of the national committee of Arab local councils, despite widespread anger over Abu Jihad's killing and the subsequent deaths in the territories.

The participants maintained that, according to Arab tradition it was not normal practice to mourn for somebody who had died as a martyr in the struggle for (Palestinian) freedom.

They also turned down demands to convene a meeting of the monitoring committee, which organized the recent Land Day strike and last December's "Peace Day" strike.

The calls for a day of mourning and further nationwide action to protest the government's handling

of the uprising in the territories had been made by MK Mohammed Mian and members of his party, the Progressive List for Peace.

The secretariat did, however, issue a statement condemning the killing of Abu Jihad, and describing the assassination as a serious blow to peace. The members decided to send a delegation to pay a condolence call on members of Abu Jihad's family in Jerusalem.

The participants stressed the gravity of recent events in the territories, including the demolition of homes in Beita and the deportations, saying the government was bowing to the dictates of Jewish settlers in the territories.

The participants also called for an immediate withdrawal from Gaza and the West Bank and for negotiations under the auspices of an international peace conference and with the participation of the PLO, to reach a just peace settlement "before it is too late."

U.S. and France condemn slaying of Abu Jihad

Jerusalem Post Correspondents
WASHINGTON - The State Department and the French government yesterday publicly condemned the assassination of the PLO's number two official, Khalil al-Wazir.

But State Department spokesman Charles Redman insisted that the U.S. did not know who was responsible for the action.

In the first official U.S. reaction to the weekend killing of al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), the spokesman added: "The United States condemns this act of political assassination. Violence is not the solution to the problems of the Middle East."

At the same time, Redman said that Secretary of State George Shultz was determined to pursue his Arab-Israeli peace initiative.

In Paris, the French government expressed its "consternation" over the murder.

The French ambassador in Tunis, Jean Bressot, was received yesterday by Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department.

Hawkish takeover in NRP

Hammer may bolt after Shaki's win

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and
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Jerusalem Post Reporters
Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer is considering quitting the National Religious Party, following yesterday's NRP elections in which MK Avner Shaki received the most votes. By coming in second on the party's Knesset list, Hammer appears to have lost his position as party leader.

Hammer and his colleagues in the NRP's Young Guard will hold consultations today to discuss the implications of the balloting and decide on their political future.

In response to the vote, which marked the NRP as more hawkish and nationalistic than in the past, Rabbi Menahem Hacohen (Labour) began talks with his supporters yesterday about founding a new moderate religious party. He is to meet with Rabbi Yehuda Amital of Gush Etzion this evening.

The political drift of the new NRP became evident yesterday when Hanan Porat, formerly of Tehiya, announced shortly after the elections that the party would not go into coalition with Labour.

The election results stupefied party delegates. Shaki, whose following consists mainly of Sephardi delegates, was not expected to get enough votes to be included in the top four.

NRP Executive Committee member Yitzhak Meir said the public must be the one to decide on the

party's character, not the convention delegates, and proposed an alternative list to the present one.

"There is a public which cannot accept the radical drift in the party and needs a balanced representation," he noted. "The mainstream religious voter does not see the new NRP leadership as representing him. Israel needs a central religious, non-radical party," he said.

Stunned by the election results, Hammer and his colleague Yehuda Ben-Meir remained incommunicado at home yesterday, save for telephone consultations with each other concerning their future moves. The triumphant Shaki, meanwhile, was (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



Avner Shaki (Karlinsky)

2 Palestinians killed, total strike in Gaza

By BRADLEY BURSTON and
JOEL GREENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporters
Two Palestinians were killed and at least two others wounded yesterday, as scattered demonstrations and a strict general strike marked the third day of mourning for slain PLO military commander Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad).

In the Tel el-Sultan neighbourhood of Rafiah, 20-year-old Ahmed Musa A'iah was killed during disturbances. Military sources said last

night that an IDF officer, attempting to arrest A'iah for incitement and other offences, ordered him to halt. As A'iah bolted, the officer reportedly first shot into the air, then aimed at his legs.

At Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, doctors pronounced dead on arrival a 26-year-old mother of six, Aida Totah, of the city's Zeitun neighbourhood. Ahli doctors listed the cause of death as a bullet that lodged in her neck. IDF investiga-

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Gulf War escalates U.S. blasts Iran oil rigs

DUBAI - The Gulf War escalated dramatically yesterday when American forces blasted two Iranian oil platforms and exchanged fire with Iranian vessels, sinking a gunboat. Iran replied by attacking an oil field owned by one of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), setting fire to a British-flag tanker there, and a Cypriot-flag merchant ship.

America's direct involvement in the Iran-Iraq conflict, which began in September 1980, followed the launching of one of Iraq's biggest ground offensives on Sunday. Iraq said it recaptured the strategic Faw peninsula, seized by Iranian troops in February 1986. Iran said it had "redeployed" its forces to new defensive positions.

Diplomats said a victory for Iraq could deal a military and psychological blow to Teheran, which has been accused of using Faw as a missile launch pad against Kuwait.

Shipping sources said the onslaught by six U.S. warships, including the cruiser Wainwright, at about 9 a.m. set Iran's platforms on fire and sank the platforms at Sirri and Sassan in the southern Gulf abaze.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said President Reagan ordered U.S. warships to destroy the platforms in retaliation for new Iranian mines sown in the Gulf, which

damaged the U.S. Navy frigate Samuel Roberts last Thursday.

Officials in Washington described the U.S. strike as revenge for a mine blast which injured 10 crew on the U.S. frigate Samuel B. Roberts in the central Gulf last Thursday.

"All hell has broken loose. The Americans used helicopters and the Iranians didn't have a chance," said one shipping source after the attacks on the two platforms. "We don't have details but damage was probably enormous." He said the Americans gave two evacuation warnings 10 minutes apart at Sassan before opening fire.

At midday, at least four Iranian speed-boats firing machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades raided the Mubarak oilfield 30 miles north of Sharjah, the emirate owning the field.

They set fire to the British-flag tanker York Marine, which was used as a storage vessel there, and to an oil-rig and oil facilities on a small island. "The gun-boats were shooting at rescue boats, reporters' helicopters, and just about everything else," said a reporter who flew over Mubarak.

The gunboats surrounded the 112,744-ton Hongkong-registered York Marine for a second time and (Continued on Page Three)

Reagan warns Teheran against laying mines

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON - President Ronald Reagan yesterday bluntly warned Iran against laying any additional mines in the Persian Gulf.

Addressing a group of visiting businessmen at the White House, the president insisted that the U.S. would continue to protect American-flagged ships in the region.

He spoke as the U.S. and Iran were involved in an escalated round of fighting following the U.S. attack on Iranian ships and oil platforms in the Gulf. Last week, an American ship had struck an Iranian mine in international waters.

U.S. officials privately expressed

the opinion that the Iranians would quickly back down from any further escalation in the face of the very tough and determined U.S. military response over the past 24 hours.

The U.S. Navy, Reagan said yesterday, had made "a measured response to Iran's latest use of military force against U.S. ships" in the Gulf "as well as its continued military and terrorist attacks against a number of non-belligerents."

As of late yesterday, the Americans reported that at least three Iranian naval vessels and two small Iranian boats had been sunk or very severely damaged in the clashes with the U.S. forces, including ships and carrier-based A-6 attack fighters.

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Nablus residents protest in silence

By JOEL GREENBERG

It would have been impossible to get to Nablus yesterday identified as a journalist.

For the second day in a row, the IDF virtually sealed off the West Bank to the media, barring access from Jerusalem. Close to 200,000 persons in the area were under curfew, about half of them in Nablus, the largest city in the region.

Anyone travelling from Jerusa-

lem to Nablus yesterday had to pass five checkpoints, the first of them at e-Ram, just north of the capital.

The measures followed the explosion of violence in the territories on Saturday, after it was learned that PLO military chief Khalil al-Wazir, known as Abu Jihad, had been assassinated. The killing shocked Palestinians, who speak of al-Wazir with a mixture of reverence and intimacy.

Saturday was one of those days when the Palestinian rage in the territories erupts into streets. But there are other days, like yesterday, when the anger grows cold and the mood is sullen: people turn inward, shutting themselves up at home. Instead of seeking confrontation with the soldiers, the people seem to be defiantly turning their backs on the troops and on Israel.

Empty streets, closed doors and black flags on many homes have been the language of protest for the past two days. The usually bustling highway leading to Nablus is virtually deserted, and few people can be seen in the fields. The Ramadan fast, as well as the mourning for Abu Jihad, have slowed life down to a crawl, and cast a depressing silence over towns and villages.

In some places in the last two days, small confrontations with the army were still being played out. At Dura al-Kara, north of Ramallah, an IDF half-track, outfitted with a shovel to clear roadblocks and a gravel cannon, arrived to break up a small protest. As it rumbled into the village, siren wailing, a group of rock-throwing youths fled the barricades.

At Rujeib, near Nablus, a command-car stood by the side of the road, and a detachment of reservists played cat and mouse with a handful of youths who whistled and hurled

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with possibility of rain later in day in north and centre.

Location	Yesterday's High/Low	Today's High/Low
Jerusalem	32/18	30/18
Haifa	22/12	22/12
Tel Aviv	22/12	22/12
Bat Yam	22/12	22/12
Beer Sheva	22/12	22/12
Eilat	22/12	22/12

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Dick Dolman, Speaker of the Netherlands Parliament, yesterday laid the foundation stone for a first-aid station in Petah Tikva, donated by the Dutch Magen David Adom. In Israel as the guest of Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hilel, Dr. Dolman has also met President Herzog, Vice Premier Peres, and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

British Ambassador William Squire paid a farewell visit to Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday at the labour federation headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Bar-Lev: Police weren't pressured in bank shares case

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

In deciding not to investigate possible criminal actions by those involved in the 1983 bank shares scandal, the police have not given in to political pressures, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev has told MK Mordechai Virshupski (Citizens Rights Movement).

According to a letter Virshupski received from Bar-Lev yesterday, the ball is now squarely in the attorney-general's court, and he has not yet taken a final decision in the matter.

"After examining all the material at their disposal, the police have recommended that there is no room for a criminal investigation, and this for various reasons that have been put before the state attorney's team," Bar-Lev's letter says.

Virshupski has asked Bar-Lev to explain the "various reasons," indicating that the answer must surely lie with the influence wielded by the heads of the banks.

In his letter, Bar-Lev said that the police, in cooperation with the State Attorney's Office, had set up a special investigation team to examine the material accumulated by the Bejski committee that probed the crash of the bank shares and recommended the examination of possibly criminal aspects.

But, the letter goes on, if the attorney-general is not convinced by police reasoning and orders a probe of "certain offences," then the police will abide by his decision and investigate further.

Virshupski has consistently maintained that the Bejski commission's recommendations have been bypassed.

HOME NEWS

Civil Administration fears domino effect if Nablus mayor leaves post

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Civil Administration officials, worried about a possible wave of resignations by Palestinian office-holders in the territories, are making intensive efforts to prevent the resignation of Nablus Mayor Hafez Toukan, who has said he wants to leave his post.

Israeli-appointed mayors and city councilmen in the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been under heavy pressure from local activists to resign, and recent leaflets signed by the "Unified National Leadership of the Uprising" have urged them to step down.

Some councilmen have announced their resignations, but Toukan would be the first mayor in

the territories to leave his position. Security officials fear that the resignation of Toukan, mayor of the largest city in the West Bank, could have a domino effect on other municipalities in the territories.

Toukan has notified the Civil Administration of his desire to step down, but has yet to submit a formal resignation letter. In recent contacts with him, Civil Administration officials have argued that his departure would primarily hurt residents of his city.

The two remaining city councilmen still serving with Toukan, Hisham Arafat and Wahid al-Jawhari, have also declared their intention of resigning. Sources in Nablus said the three-man council has not been

functioning in the past month, and that Toukan had already effectively left his post.

An indication of this was the mayor's mourning notice for slain PLO military chief Khalil al-Wazir in the *A-Nahar* newspaper, in which he identified himself only as the head of the Nablus Chamber of Commerce. His declaration of a three-day mourning period in Nablus was also issued solely in his capacity as Chamber of Commerce chairman.

Toukan decided to step down after failing to obtain public backing from Jordan during a trip to Amman, from which he returned last week, sources in Nablus said. His move is also said to have been prompted by fears for his life, personal conflicts with other leading

figures in the city, and pressure by his family to leave his politically risky job.

Toukan's predecessor, Zafer al-Masri, was assassinated on March 2, 1986, by gunmen sent by the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The killing came shortly after Masri took office with Israeli and Jordanian approval, and the tacit agreement of the PLO.

Sources in Nablus said that despite the opposition to Toukan in some circles, public opinion in the city was heavily in favour of his remaining in office. His continued service is seen as preferable to the running of municipal affairs by an Israeli officer, as was the case before Masri's appointment.



Shulamit Shamir, the prime minister's wife, is surprised to find herself among the prize-winners yesterday, at a ceremony honouring 40 outstanding old people. The competition was organized by "Elderly for the Elderly," of which she is chairwoman. (Scoop 8)

Israeli flags flutter as Warsaw monument dedicated

'Struggle of Ghetto will not be forgotten'

WARSAW (AP) - A gleaming monument was dedicated yesterday by the city of Warsaw at the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. More than 400,000 Jews were deported to Nazi death camps from the spot. The memorial has a sign declaring: "The struggle and courage of the Warsaw Ghetto will not be forgotten."

A military honour guard, about 3,000 people including Poles, Israelis and Jews from other countries - among them children of concentration camp victims - gathered at

Umschlagplatz for the morning ceremony.

Israeli flags fluttered in the sunny breeze as a long line of people carrying wreaths of flowers formed a stately procession into the monument, a rectangle of marble on which are inscribed the names of some of the victims.

Meanwhile, Polish officials promised that a police station located a few metres from the monument would not be reopened. The station had offended designer Hanna Szm-

lenberg and some of the foreign visitors.

Umschlagplatz, on the edge of the walled Jewish ghetto established in Warsaw by the Nazis in 1940, was the square where Jews were loaded onto boxcars for the fatal trip to the camps at Treblinka and Majdanek.

The monument dedication was part of observances of the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, in which fighters among the ghetto's last 70,000 inhabitants staged a desperate month-long resistance.

to the final Nazi onslaught.

The Umschlagplatz memorial was unveiled by Henryk Jablonski, head of the Polish veterans association, which has organized the official anniversary observances.

"Let subsequent generations remember about the tragedy of 45 years ago. The Jews of Warsaw, peace to their memory," Warsaw Mayor Jerzy Boleslawski told the crowd, after describing the story of the eradication of the city's Jewish population.

Doctors allow holiday respite in hospital dispute

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Kupat Holim Clalit and government hospitals will operate normally on Remembrance Days, but next week doctors' sanctions over wage demands are due to be resumed.

Health Ministry sources admitted yesterday that they have almost given up hope of finding a solution to the protracted trouble in the hospital system, given the "intransigence" of the Finance Ministry and the adamant stance of the workers.

Government hospital doctors, who have been fighting for the same two-year overtime agreement promised to their counterparts at Kupat Holim in order to reduce the wait for non-emergency operations, now seem to want the complete equalization of their salaries and conditions with those in the health fund's hospitals.

The Treasury has made a number of important concessions, including the addition of many more job slots, to the anesthetists, who have been applying sanctions and working to rule since last fall. But the union

now has added additional demands on salaries and conditions.

Today, all outpatient clinics at Kupat Holim and government hospitals will be closed, as they have been since Sunday. In addition, only emergency operations will be performed at Kupat Holim hospitals, and emergency rooms at 11 of the health fund's hospitals will accept only critical cases: Bellinson, Hasharon and Geha in Petah Tikva, Meir in Kfar Sava, Shalvata in Hod Hasharon, Kaplan in Rehovot, Soroka in Beersheba, Josephthal in Eilat, Carmel in Haifa, Ha'emek in

Afula, and Talbieh in Jerusalem.

Health Minister Shoshana Arbel-Almoshino yesterday called on Moshe Avigdor, head of the union of cleaning workers and clerks at the government hospital, not to strike. The union has threatened a strike later this month because the Treasury refuses to give them extra overtime pay promised at the end of their 17-day strike earlier this year.

The minister said they deserved this extra money, and that they had indeed been promised it, but that a new strike would cause terrible suffering to patients.

Arens, Gur get OK to rejoin cabinet

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

For the Likud's Sarah Doron the appointment of two more ministers without portfolio was a symbol of democracy. For Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement, the return to the government of Moshe Arens (Herut) and Mordechai Gur (Alignment) would have been an insult to Israeli politics, were those politics not, in his view, immune to slander.

But the Knesset, called into special session yesterday, ratified the appointments, though the opposition voted against and the Alignment's newest member, Ya'a-

cov Gil, pointedly left the chamber as the vote was called.

Gur, Doron said, was to be congratulated for his "national-minded outlook." He and Arens, "one of the best of experts on defence" were an asset to the government at this time.

For Sarid, the session "shamed the Knesset." For three weeks the Knesset has been in recess. But despite the "matters of the utmost importance" that had come up, the government had not seen fit to convene the Knesset other than to ratify the return of two ministers who had earlier resigned.

What had changed since their res-

ignation? Sarid asked. And he reminded the House that Gur had resigned because he refused to serve under Shamir, while Arens had walked out over the scrapping of the Lavi fighter.

Their addition would only bolster that section of the government that urged force and force alone to solve its problems with the Arabs, Sarid asserted.

Foreign Minister Peres and Premier Shamir had themselves proclaimed the government a sinking ship. Yet here were men running to board the ship, and "claiming that overworked concept of security" in extenuation.

FUNERAL

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Valley.

The health of Wazir's 86-year-old father, Ibrahim, has deteriorated since he heard of his son's assassination. Wazir's parents, refugees from Ramle, have lived in Damascus for 14 years.

Arafat went to a Tunis hospital yesterday with Wazir's wife and other members of the family to pay their respects to the slain military commander's body, witnesses said.

Meanwhile, a senior PLO official made a thinly-veiled charge of U.S. complicity in Wazir's killing.

"It would not be strange that the U.S. administration is an accomplice," Bassam Abu Sharif, an Arafat adviser, told reporters.

DEMJANJUK

The accused's alibi had been built solely on his own words, unsupported by any other evidence, continued Tal. "The prosecution broke this alibi based on historical facts. The contradictions in which Demjanjuk became involved did not stem from forgetfulness, but from a conscious effort to mislead."

At about 3 p.m. Judge Dalia Dorner took over from Tal reading the verdict. Her section dealt with the authenticity of the Trawniki ID card. She noted evidence that the card was acceptable both as a "public" and an "ancient" document and that its provenance was acceptable.

The defence had claimed that it was a KGB forgery. She read out that the court accepted the evidence of German police expert Altmann and Hebrew University professor Patricia Smith regarding its authenticity. The court preferred the testimony of these experts over that of those brought by the defence. These experts included Dr. Julius Grant and Prof. Yasser Mehmed Iscan.

The testimony in Berlin of former Treblinka SS man Otto Horn carried much weight with the court. He had worked with Ivan the Terrible and identified Demjanjuk from his photos. His testimony was important, since as a German he had no motive to implicate Demjanjuk, as the survivors had.

The members of the Demjanjuk family left the courtroom half-way through the reading of the verdict.

GAZA

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tors stated, however, that no shots were fired by troops anywhere near the reported scene of the shooting.

Six men from the West Bank village of Beitwa who have been issued expulsion orders yesterday withdrew the appeals against deportation they had submitted to a military review board advising OC Central Command Aluf Amram Mitzna. The men can now be deported at any time.

The men were accused of leading an attack in the village on hikers from the settlement of Eilon Moreh. A girl from Eilon Moreh and two Palestinians were killed in the violence.

Attorney Darwish Nasser, who represented the villagers along with lawyer Adam Fish of the Association for Civil Rights, said his clients had withdrawn their appeals because they had little faith that the expulsion orders would be overturned. They did not want to legitimize the expulsion through its approval by the review board and the High Court of Justice, he said.

Nasser said that last week's High Court opinion upholding the deportation of eight Palestinians had left his clients with no cause for hope. The court ruled that the Geneva Conventions banning deportations from occupied territories do not apply to those carried out by Israel for security reasons.

Children line streets to welcome Herzog, Shamir to Druse village

By JOEL REIBO
For The Jerusalem Post

JULIS - Hundreds of cheering, flag-waving children lined the streets of this Western Galilee Druse village yesterday to welcome President Chaim Herzog and Prime Minister Shamir to a Druse celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary.

The celebration, hosted by Sheikh Amin Tarif, the 90-year-old Druse spiritual leader, was a show of solidarity between Jews and Druse Arabs.

Druse leaders stressed their loyalty to Israel, and Israeli leaders emphasized the need to improve the lot of the Druse.

"In the past 40 years the Druse have made impressive gains, but there is much more that can be done to advance their cause," Herzog told some 3,000 notables from 18 Druse villages in the Galilee.

Shamir said that on Remembrance Day, the Druse will join the Jews in remembering their dead, who fell in defence of the country. "The whole nation of Israel will mourn together the memory of those Druse who fell in action," he said.

The prime minister acknowledged that many Druse had felt discriminated against, but pointed to a cabinet decision last year to give Druse villages the same tax breaks accorded development towns and to give equal benefits to Druse soldiers.

Sheikh Tarif asked the prime minister to make every effort to advance the peace process. He congratulated Shamir on the cabinet decision on Druse equality and asked him to ensure its quick implementation. The sheikh exchanged gifts with Shamir and Herzog.

IDF exercise captivates crowd

By JONATHAN KARP
For The Jerusalem Post

RAMAT GAN - The Israel Defence Forces last night turned the soccer stadium here into a battlefield and conquered the hearts of the crowd with an impressive display of army, navy and air force might.

The exercise, conducted amid deafening but harmless explosions, capped off the dress rehearsal for the IDF's 40th anniversary parade, a gala event that will cost NIS 2.4 million. Defence Minister Rabin and Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron were among the more than 30,000 spectators who attended.

The air force led off the show and, as usual, drew enthusiastic applause for precision flying and daring aerobatics. With his red scarf flowing outside his plane, the pilot of a Stearman bi-plane climbed vertically over midfield and performed a series of loops and dives.

Later, four Fouga-Mysteres quadrupled the effects as they performed high-speed stunts at a distance of just one and a half metres from each other. Not to be outdone, four F-15s then blasted over the stadium with their afterburners glowing.

The aerial show featured planes from periods throughout the IAF's history, from as far back as the War of Independence and including the latest F-16C. Among the highlights were the aerial "dance" of two Bell helicopters, the fly-by of one of the IAF's celebrated drones and the free-fall by eight paratroopers into the stadium.

But the final exercise, which was designed to simulate how the various branches of the IDF are integrated in the event of battle, stole the show. Spectators were initially startled by the sound of an explosion, and then cheered as troops were brought in by helicopters.

Backed by tanks and heavy artillery, which fired blanks, the soldiers advanced north to south and secured the field. The spectators literally got a whiff of battle as the thick smoke carried the smell of gunpowder into the stands.

The IDF parade involved 1,500 soldiers and featured marching, skits of boot camp, scenes from the history of the IDF and tributes to all the battalions and their leaders.



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NRP VOTE

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invited to television and radio interviews. He said his victory demonstrated the NRP and public's desire for clear positions and statements, in contrast to the former leadership's (i.e. Hammer's) stammering, stumbling, half-hearted statements.

By yesterday evening, however, it seemed that the "Young Ones" had absorbed their defeat and were considering ways of remaining within the NRP. Yosef Burg, whose La-mifne faction was dealt a death blow by the election results, announced that he was staying in the party and that Hammer should stay as well.

Trying to explain the election results, NRP sources said that delegates of Sephardi origin, across the board, had voted for Shaki. Everyone agreed that the Ashkenazi leadership had failed to see the writing on the wall.

Sephardi votes also got the Matzad faction's two delegates, Porat and Levy, into leadership positions, following the mutual support agreement between Shaki's faction and Matzad.

It also appeared that Burg's La-mifne faction and Hammer's people, who had agreed to support each other's candidates, reneged on the agreement.

The revolution that beset the NRP was an ethnic one, although its effect has been to direct the party to the right.

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Gore taking Jewish voters away from governor

Jackson victory over Dukakis possible today

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK — Voters go to the polls today in the New York Democratic primary amidst indications that Rev. Jesse Jackson could pull off an upset over Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis.

A recent poll by the New York Post showed that Dukakis's lead over Jackson had shrunk from 17 percentage points to 10 in just five days. Dukakis led Jackson 44-34 per cent in the poll, with Sen. Al Gore (D-Tenn.) a distant third with slightly less than 10 per cent.

In an ABC News poll Dukakis is only six points ahead of Jackson, leaving them neck and neck if one takes into account the poll's eight point margin of error.

Louis Finkelstein, the Post's poll-taker, said that although Gore has no chance to win, he will define the finish of the race. According to Finkelstein, "[Gore] has found Dukakis's Achilles heel, and is taking Jewish votes away — he's not helping himself, but he's hurting Dukakis."

Finkelstein judged that if Gore "breaks 15 per cent and gets close to 20 per cent, he could make Jackson the winner." Finkelstein said that in the last five days, Dukakis's share of the Jewish vote had dropped eight points, while Gore's share had risen from 9 per cent to 19 per cent.

Both Gore and Dukakis marched Sunday's traditional Salute to Israel parade, but Gore, who marched together with Mayor Ed Koch, received a much more enthusiastic response than Dukakis from the thousands of Jews who jammed the Fifth Avenue parade site. Gore elicited a loud affirmative roar from the crowd when he shouted Koch's trademark question: "How Am I Doing?" The cheers for Dukakis were less voluble as he marched by

the reviewing stand with his wife Kitty under a banner reading "Shalom Mike Dukakis."

Jackson passed up the Israel parade, instead leading a march across the Williamsburg Bridge, which was closed to traffic last week when city engineers revealed that the venerable span had badly deteriorated. Jackson used the occasion to call for cuts in defence spending and reinvestment in the nation's crumbling infrastructure.

As they marched, Jackson's supporters chanted, "Koch's bridge is falling down, falling down...Jesse's here to save our town...God bless Jesse."

In fact, if Jackson manages to pull off a victory in the primary today, he might want to thank Koch, his most volatile detractor. According to political analysts, Koch's strident attacks on Jackson have solidified support for Jackson in this city's black and Hispanic communities and among many white liberals, many of whom despise Koch, but had been somewhat leery of voting for Jackson.

More importantly, Koch's loudly expressed support for Gore appears to be encouraging a significant number of Jews to switch from Dukakis to Gore.

Koch branded Jackson a liar on Sunday's ABC News, "This Week With David Brinkley," accusing Jackson of having lied about his actions following the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968. Alluding to charges made against Jackson by other King aides which have been widely reported in the media, Koch said, "When [Jackson] was under stress and Dr. King was assassinated, he didn't tell the truth. He said he cradled Dr. King's head in his arms, and that [he has been] the last to speak with him, his shirt was



Senator Al Gore (left) laughs as Jesse Jackson (right) tries to pull Governor Michael Dukakis out of the picture after a news forum by the three Democratic presidential candidates Sunday in New York. (Reuter)

bloody and he wore it for two days. It wasn't truthful."

He also noted that in 1984 Jackson had originally denied having called New York "Hymietown," but had later been forced to concede that he used the word. Koch asked, "Do you want a president who under stress is not capable of telling the truth?" Jackson declined to comment on Koch's charges.

After turning down invitations from Jewish groups such as the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jackson finally held a private luncheon meeting Sunday with

a select group of Jewish leaders brought together by former American Jewish Community president R. Peter Strauss. According to those who attended, Jackson appealed for reconciliation. At one point he offered Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the Synagogue Council of America, his home phone number, stating, "If you have any trouble with me or my positions you give me a call."

Jackson stressed the common suffering of blacks and Jews. He said: "I've been called a nigger. My mother's been called a bitch. My daddy was a veteran and he didn't have the right to vote. But this is all

about forgiving. Forgiving is what America is all about."

Asked about his ties to Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, Jackson responded, "Somewhere, wherever he is, Farrakhan is getting bigger every time you mention his name."

State Sen. Martin Markowitz, who represents a predominantly black district, endorsed Jackson after the meeting, stating, "I'm Jewish, I'm for Israel, I'm for Jesse, and I'm not crazy." Last week Koch had said that a Jew or supporter of Israel "would have to be crazy" to vote for Jackson.

American colonel reported killed by Beirut kidnappers

BEIRUT (AP) — Kidnapped U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins was reported killed by his pro-Iranian Shi'ite Muslim captors in southern Lebanon, a Christian-controlled radio station reported yesterday.

The Beirut-based Voice of Lebanon, of President Amin Gemayel's rightist Phalange Party, said Higgins was "killed and buried by his captors" in the Lebanese village of Siddiqine.

The Voice of Lebanon has a record of frequent inaccuracies on hostage affairs in Lebanon. Yesterday's report about Higgins could not be independently verified.

The radio said the killing took place hours before pro-Syrian militiamen of Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Amal movement captured Siddiqine from Iranian-backed Hizbullah supporters, apparently to keep Amal from claiming credit for his liberation.

Amal and Hizbullah spokesmen in Beirut withheld comment. The two groups have been at loggerheads since Higgins, 43, was abducted near the southern port of Tyre on Feb. 17.

Siddiqine, 14 km. southeast of Tyre, was a Hizbullah stronghold before Amal crushed its fundamentalist rivals in a four-day crackdown early this month.

"It's the first time I hear about it," said Timur Goksel, spokesman

for the UN Interim Force in southern Lebanon with which Higgins was serving when he was grabbed. "But we'll check it out." He spoke by telephone from Unifil's headquarters in Naqura on the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Amal backs the presence of the UN peace-keeping force in predominantly Shi'ite southern Lebanon, which is opposed by Hizbullah, or Party of God.

Amal spokesmen had said their fighters found no trace of Higgins in any of the Hizbullah strongholds they have captured including Siddiqine and Jibsheet, which is 48 km. east of Tyre.

Unifil spokesman Timur Goksel said they had no information allowing them to comment on the radio report.

Meanwhile the Amal Shi'ite movement in a statement issued in Tyre yesterday described the Christian radio report of Higgins' death as nonsense.

The statement said Amal had questioned Hizbullah activists it had detained during the search for Higgins and afterwards. It had also questioned villagers in Siddiqine, where Higgins was allegedly buried, and searched the area and the Islamic school nearby and found nothing to substantiate the radio report.

GULF WAR

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opened fire, preventing rescue tugs from getting close to douse the flames.

There were no immediate reports of casualties but one source said the crew of about 30 abandoned ship. An oil-terminal and an oil rig were also evacuated.

Shipping sources said an Iranian gunboat later opened fire on the 25,039-ton Cypriot-flag Omium Pride, carrying fertilizer from the UAE port of Ruweis, in the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf.

They had no reports of casualties. The Samuel B. Roberts, holed 70 miles east of Bahrain and now being repaired in Dubai dry-dock, was the first warship known to have hit a mine in the Iran-Iraq war. Washington said it had evidence Iran had laid fresh mines in the Gulf.

On the southern ground front, Iraq said its forces on Monday retook the town of Faw near the tip of a strategic Iraqi peninsula that had been captured by Iran more than two years ago. Thousands of Iranians were killed or wounded in the two-day-old offensive, named "Blessed Ramadan" after the Muslim fasting month, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It was the first time Iraq took the initiative in a major ground push since the early years of the Gulf war.

A war communique read over state-run television said Iranian occupying forces were driven out of the peninsula, over to the other side of the Shatt-al-Arab waterway that forms its northern shore.

Iranian state-run news media, monitored in Cyprus, charged that U.S. helicopters attacked Iranian troops to support the Iraqi offensive. They did not specifically deny Iraqi victory claims.

In the "war of the cities" Iraqi missile batteries fired long-range rockets into Teheran, the holy city of Qom and Isfahan. The Iranian agency confirmed that the three cities were struck by missiles and civilians were killed, but gave no figures. Iraq said an Iranian missile landed in Baghdad, killing civilians.

The Iraqi agency said troops of the Seventh Army Corps, backed by elite Presidential Guards, took the "Faw triangle," the bulk of the peninsula that juts out into the Gulf and straddles Iraq's only sea outlet. It later reported the seizure of the town of Faw.

In the two-pronged offensive, Iraqi forces stormed Iranian positions from the west across the salt marshes that form most of the peninsula and also attacked its northern shore.

The Iraqi accounts said the bulk of the Iranian forces in the peninsula was destroyed, but they did not yet claim the entire peninsula was retaken. They said Iraqi forces continued their advance.

Since they were driven out of Iranian territory in 1982, Iraqi forces have waged a largely defensive war. The Faw peninsula, about 80 km. southeast of Iraq's major port city of Basra, was lost to the Iranian attackers in a major offensive in February 1986. (Reuter, AP)

Petrified hostage pleads for Kuwait to free prisoners

ALGIER (Reuter) — A member of Kuwait's ruling family held hostage aboard a hijacked airliner for two weeks made a terrified plea yesterday for the release of prisoners held in Kuwaiti jails.

Fadel al-Sabah, his voice barely audible, called for the "release of the prisoners in Kuwait," in a radio broadcast from the Kuwaiti Jumbo jet at Algiers airport. The hostage, one of three members of Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family aboard, was obviously in a feeble condition and had to be prompted by gunmen on the plane's flight deck.

His appeal was made after the estimated 31 remaining hostages on the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 became the longest-serving prisoners on an airliner in the history of hijacking.

Algeria, showing signs of frustration over its failure to mediate a deal with the hijackers to win the release of the hostages, ordered a big security clampdown around the plane.

The Boeing, seized on April 5, flew into Algiers from Larnaca last Wednesday after Cypriot authorities said they had been assured by the Algerian government that the hostages would be freed.

But Algeria has found itself

caught between the unyielding hijackers and Kuwait, which has vowed not to capitulate to their demand for the release of 17 Arab militants jailed in the emirate for bomb attacks in 1983.

The hostage who made the latest appeal to Kuwait was identified by one of the hijackers, who announced moments earlier that he was having problems persuading the captive to speak. Sabah's voice was clearly that of a petrified man exhausted by the 14-day ordeal. Only a small part of the brief statement could be understood.

"I want the release of all the prisoners," he said.

Airport authorities asked the Kuwaiti captive to repeat his message. "We received it but we could not understand it very well," said an official. "I can confirm he is a member of the royal family," said one of the estimated eight hijackers. Two of his sisters are also held by the hijackers, who killed two other Kuwaitis while the plane was in Cyprus.

An Algerian mediator boarded the plane shortly after midday for the first time yesterday at the hijackers' request. He stayed for 18 minutes.

Greece in new scheme to get Elgin Marbles

ATHENS (Reuter) — Culture Minister Melina Mercouri said on yesterday Greece was launching a new strategy to reclaim the Elgin Marbles, ancient sculptures from the Acropolis in Athens, from the British Museum in London by 1996.

The aim of the new strategy is to build a new museum for the marbles at their original home, to counter arguments that if returned they would be ruined by Athens' severe pollution.

Politicians, archaeologists and others from England who oppose the return of the marbles will then be invited to "come and see the reality," Mercouri told journalists. "We want the parts that are in the British Museum, that are dead like stones, here where they belong," she added.

Mercouri said she hoped that her five-year campaign for the marbles' return would achieve success by 1996 to coincide with the Olympic Games, which Greece is bidding to host for that year. "It is the goal of my life," she said.

Former British Labour party leader Michael Foot visited Athens yesterday to lend support to her call for the return of the marbles, which is opposed by the Conservative government in Britain.

Lord Elgin, with Turkish permission, sliced the marbles from a frieze at the Parthenon in 1806, when he was the British ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, then encompassing Greece.

THE AUSTRALIAN security intelligence organization (Asio) said yesterday it had identified 50 foreign spies active in Australia. Asio said in its 1986-87 report that there was evidence that attempts had been made to gain access to secret information and technology, including sensitive defence information and technology to which Australia had access.

Rebel legislative leaders within the governing Conservative Party said they had enough support to knock their party's huge 101-seat majority down to 10 or 15 in the 650-member House of Commons in the vote scheduled last night.

Despite tough weekend lobbying by Thatcher's parliamentary floor managers, rebel leader Michael Mates said he had pledges of sup-

port from 44 Conservative lawmakers. That number voting with opposition parties would cut Thatcher's margin to as low as 10.

Tension has heightened with reports that ex-Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine, a leading contender to succeed Thatcher, was behind the revolt. But Mates denied he was acting for Heseltine.

Last week, when Mates had more than 50 support pledges, the government blunted the rebellion with a last-minute concession increasing the number of people eligible for partial tax exemptions. At issue was a clause of the Local Government

Finance Bill which will levy property taxes on each adult in a household instead of on the house or apartment, as now.

An amendment put forward by Mates would tie the charge to income in three tax categories. The government rejects this as cumbersome and expensive to collect.

Conservative legislators to the left of Thatcher already were uneasy about a shakeup of welfare payments introduced this month and new charges for dental and eye checks under the once-free National Health Service.

The moves have coincided with a reduction of the top income tax rate

from 60 to 40 percent.

The property tax change — popularly called the poll tax — is due to take effect in 1990, a year before Thatcher is expected to call the next election.

The government argues the change will be fairer, spreading liability for property taxes from a current 18 million heads of households to 35 million people. Under pressure, the government has extended rebates to nearly 9 million people. However, social security changes mean even the poorest, such as low-paid public housing tenants, will have to pay one-fifth of property taxes due on their households.

Bombings near Frankfurt Jewish Centre

FRANKFURT (Reuter) — Two bombs exploded near Frankfurt's Jewish Centre and a Saudi Arabian airline office early yesterday, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

They said they suspected political motives for the blasts, which occurred within minutes of each other soon after midnight, shattering windows and destroying a van parked outside the Jewish centre in central Frankfurt.

The two-storey glass facade of the office of Sandia Airlines, located near a theatre, was smashed by the bomb, a police spokesman said.

Police said the blasts were caused by home-made bombs. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The spokesman said police were searching for two people in a red Volkswagen seen by eyewitnesses near the airline office just before the explosion.

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On edge, waiting for the verdict

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police in attendance yesterday for the verdict in the Demjanjuk trial at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma appeared nervous and short-tempered. They seemed to be expecting an outbreak of violence — either from Demjanjuk's family, if the verdict were to go against him; or from Holocaust survivors and their families, if the judges were to decide that John Demjanjuk and Ivan the Terrible were not one and the same.

Whenever two or three people gathered in the lobby near the entrance to the court, they were immediately dispersed and shunted in the direction of the canteen, which was doing a brisk trade.

When Demjanjuk's son-in-law Ed Nishnik emerged from the court for a breather and a cup of coffee, he was immediately surrounded by journalists who wanted to know whether Demjanjuk had genuinely suffered a back injury which prevented his appearance in court, or the claim was just a ruse. Nishnik hadn't seen him, but it was his understanding that Demjanjuk was in severe pain.

Asked whether he considered the trial to be fair, Nishnik replied: "I don't think it has been run in a fair manner." He explained that the defence did not have access to the same archival material as the prosecution, nor, he added, did it have the same amount of money to spend on the case.

Nonetheless, before the morning recess, he was still "cautiously optimistic" that his father-in-law would not have to face sentence. "We think that reasonable doubt has been raised

several times," he said, speaking for the family.

In the plaza outside Binyanei Ha'uma passers-by were fascinated by the sight of a middle-aged man dressed in a long blue plastic pinafore on which he had written his own version of *J'accuse* in English and Hebrew. On his head was a cardboard tarboosh crowned by an olive-wood menorah and candles.

Moshe Douek Hacohen, who came here from Aleppo, Syria in 1945, was mounting his own protest on behalf of Jewish Holocaust victims of Middle Eastern origin and of Sephardi background, who, he asserts, have not been given due recognition in Holocaust literature.

Hacohen claims that three million non-Ashkenazis, in addition to the six million European Jews, were brutally killed by the Nazis and their allies. Those who survived, he says, did not get reparations as did many European Jews. All representations by them to the Israeli government have been ignored.

The endless queues of onlookers that crowded Binyanei Ha'uma in February last year, when the trial first started, were absent yesterday. There were a lot of people, but time seemed to have dulled the curiosity of the masses. Or perhaps they simply found it more convenient to watch the proceedings at home on television.

A wall in one of the Binyanei Ha'uma halls served as a giant screen for the live projection of the day's events. The hall was around three-quarters full, and there were fewer comings and goings here than in the courtroom, which was not completely full and which at times resembled a railway station.

Upstairs in the press gallery, television cameras poised on

tripods were aligned like an advancing tank convoy.

Seemingly everywhere at once was MK Shevah Weiss, a Polish-born Holocaust survivor, who only the previous evening had appeared on television in direct transmission from Warsaw, where he was a member of the presidium at the international quiz on Jewish heroism during World War II.

Another Holocaust survivor, Fanny Engard of Moshav Beit Hana near Rishon LeZion, was lobbying journalists and presenting her own theory that Demjanjuk had woven a web of lies which he had convinced himself were true, and had not, therefore, broken down under cross-examination.

If he was not in Treblinka, she queried, "Why doesn't he prove where he really was?" Engard, who has attended nearly every session of the trial, cornered two young soldiers in the canteen and gave them a drawn-out lesson in Holocaust history.

Foreign press and tourist interest in the trial was evident at the counter where earphones for simultaneous translation were distributed. The rack behind the counter was filled with blue, orange and grey-green passports.

Among the foreign visitors was a group of American teenagers studying here in the one-year Midreshet Moriah Yeshiva programme. One member of the group, 18-year-old Debbie Burzinski of Cleveland, was on her fourth visit to the trial. Debbie's father Nathan, an Auschwitz survivor, had never talked to her much about his experiences, but opened up after she began writing home her feelings about sitting in on the Demjanjuk trial.

Absorption centres on way out

Immigrants to receive cash grant on arrival

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

New immigrants will soon receive an "absorption grant" on their arrival, designed to cover housing and basic living expenses during their first year in the country, according to the Absorption Ministry spokesman.

The grants will be provided only for immigrants arriving after a date still to be decided, and not those already in the country.

The grants will be instituted within the next few months as part of the ministry's plan to encourage "direct absorption." The intention is to increase the choices available to immigrants and to cut through some of the red tape involved in their initial period of adjustment.

The ministry is still working out the details of the plan with the Treasury, and cannot say yet how much of an expenditure the grant will entail. Immigrants will be able to use the money as they please.

The director-general of the ministry, Meir Shamir, will soon take over as director-general of the Agriculture Ministry. He will be replaced by Yossi Kucik, now senior aide to Absorption Minister Ya'akov Tsoref.

The direct-absorption plan will also expand the temporary housing options available to immigrants. They can now get temporary quarters in an absorption centre; rent a flat on the market, aided by a rent subsidy from the ministry; or buy a flat with a subsidized government mortgage loan.

Within the next few months, all newcomers will also be able to take

flats that have been rented in advance by the ministry. Until now, the ministry has provided this service only to immigrants from South Africa and countries in which they suffered oppression, such as the Soviet Union.

The ministry's goal is to close all or most absorption centres in the central part of the country, and convert them into hostels for elderly immigrants and young singles. The absorption centres in the outlying areas will be mainly for immigrants who need intensive orientation. Immigrants in these centres will not be eligible for the housing and living-expenses grants.

Immigrants who want to go directly into a rented flat will not be able to arrange this in advance through an *aliya shaliha* (emissary) abroad. Those who, by the time of their arrival, have not decided where they want to live, will be directed to specially designated hotels in the major towns and cities. The hotel expenses will be deducted from the grant the immigrant receives.

Absorption Ministry staff will be available at these hotels to advise newcomers on where and how to look for rental flats, and on other matters such as schools for their children.

As for housing beyond the first year, immigrants will be able to continue receiving rent subsidies, which will gradually decrease over the next four years; secure a mortgage loan to buy a flat; or obtain subsidized public rental housing. The subsidy is available only to immigrants with low incomes.

8 students held in capital after rally for Abu Jihad

Eight Arab students of The Hebrew University were arrested yesterday at the Mount Scopus campus, after a memorial meeting for Abu Jihad, the PLO military chief killed in Tunis on Saturday, got out of hand. Several dozen Arab students, wearing black armbands as a sign of grief, were attending the assembly in the administration building, when Jewish students gathered nearby and started shouting abuse.

A fight broke out between the two groups, and the university security guards, who were unable to control the situation, called the police. The police ordered the students to disperse or face teargas. Some of the Arab students leaving the building were blocked by university security guards, who maintained they had been guilty of unruly behaviour. In the ensuing brawl, police arrested eight Arab students. (Itm)



A commemorative souvenir sheet on the subject of "Buildings in Modern Jerusalem" is being issued today in honour of "Independence 40," the National Stamp Exhibition.

6 countries issue stamps for show here

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Six African and Caribbean countries have printed on some of their stamps the symbol of Israel's National Stamp Exhibition, which opens today in Jerusalem as one of the events marking the 40th anniversary of Independence.

In the past, only Paraguay honoured Israeli stamp exhibitions in this way. But this year, "Independence 40" and the exhibition symbol was printed on the stamps of Sierra Leone, Granada, Gambia, Antigua and the island of Dominica, and Togo produced a special commemorative sheet for the occasion.

Each country printed 6,000 stamps with the emblem, but stamp experts believe that this is too few to satisfy the demand. These foreign stamps will be on sale during the exhibition as long as the supply lasts.

The official opening of the week-long exhibition will be held at Binyanei Ha'uma this morning, with Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Mayor Teddy Kolek attending.

Although it was organized by the 50-year-old Jerusalem Philatelic Society as a national exhibition, about 90 well-known collectors from abroad are sending exhibits for the international section.

IBA draws heat over holiday broadcasts

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Broadcasting Authority has been inundated with complaints about the programming for Independence Day. And Zubin Mehta, artistic director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, is out of tune with the IBA because of IPO's post-Independence Day concert at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem is not being televised.

Feature-film buffs are miffed because no full-length Israeli feature films are scheduled on ITV, while a host of them are being presented on Channel Two.

As to Mehta's complaint, the IBA says it's a pity that the IPO doesn't coordinate its concert schedules with ITV, since television is no less interested in giving coverage to the IPO than the IPO is in getting it. But IBA spokeswoman Sari Zimmermann stresses that there was no prior request from the IPO — and it's a little late now for complaints.

As for feature films, ITV chief Haim Yavin has reportedly said that all the films being shown on Channel Two were previously screened on ITV, and that the films selected for ITV (e.g., *The Caine Mutiny*), while not Israeli, were chosen for their quality.

There is some consolation in the fact that clips of some of the 300 Israeli feature films produced since the state came into being will be shown at intervals tomorrow night and throughout the day on Thursday.

Considering its low budget, ITV had a tough time coming up with anything really special for the 40th anniversary celebration, which coincides with ITV's own 20th anniversary.

Groups of people who are in some way representative of four decades of statehood will be interviewed in ITV's "Independence Day studio." Among them will be three generations of the Ziv family from Kibbutz Ayelet Hashahar.

Rachel and Simcha Ziv were among the founders of the kibbutz and later went to help out at Sde Boker and Kibbutz Afik. They have two sons, one of whom, Dan, was decorated for heroism in the Yom Kippur War, and who later left the kibbutz to work in a senior executive position with the Eisenberg group. The other son, Eli, newly observant, lives in Keshet on the Golan Heights. One of Dan's children, Vered, lives in Los Angeles, and is flying to Israel at her own expense to participate in the programme. Her grandparents are as idealistic as they ever were.

The Independence Day programmes on Israel Radio are about as uninspired as those on ITV. Senior staffers in both media say that the 40th anniversary is no big deal. It's the 50th that matters, they contend.

Maybe, but there will be far fewer ex-Palmach, Etzel, and Lehi people around to tell how it was on the way to statehood.

Arabs block talk in Paris by Hebrew U. librarian

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arab pressure will prevent the librarian of the Hebrew University's Truman Research Institute from delivering a scheduled paper at a conference in Paris this morning of librarians specializing in the Middle East.

The librarian, Cecile Panzer, received a telex last week from the president of the Middle East Library Committee (MELCOM) International, Dr. Derek Hopwood of St. Antony's College, Oxford, informing her that her participation was no longer possible because of the objections of the host organization, L'Institut du Monde Arabe. The institute is financed partially by Arab govern-

ments and partially by the French government.

Telephoned by Dr. Eyal Kaufman, the executive director of the Truman Institute, Hopwood said it was a choice of disavowing Panzer or of cancelling the conference of MELCOM International. Disavowing Panzer, he said, was the lesser of two evils.

"There's no such thing as academic freedom," Hopwood told Kaufman. Protests have been lodged with the Israeli Foreign Ministry and with the French Embassy.

MELCOM is an organization of librarians from Europe, North America and the Middle East which sponsors international conferences.



Remembrance standards with the quotation from Jeremiah, "...For as often as I speak of him, I do earnestly remember him still..." can now be seen on graves in military cemeteries. (Zoom 77)

Cold but no rain likely on Independence Day

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If you're planning a *kumitz* for the eve of Independence Day, you won't have to worry about rain, but you will have to dress warmly, according to the Meteorological Service.

The duty weatherman told *The Jerusalem Post* that by tomorrow night we can expect partly cloudy skies, with little possibility of rain. But the temperatures will remain low. Tonight and tomorrow there will continue to be scattered showers.

Remembrance Day begins tonight with a siren sounded for one minute at 8 p.m., during which silence is to be observed. Immediately afterward, in a ceremony officially opening the day, President Herzog will light a memorial flame at the Western Wall using a torch handed to him by a bereaved mother.

After a siren is sounded for two minutes at 11 a.m. tomorrow, memorial ceremonies will be held at army camps and at 40 military bases throughout the country. Places of entertainment will be closed, flags will be flown at half-mast, and special programmes will be presented on radio and television.

Dozens of children from institutions for the retarded in the coastal plain region will distribute gifts to soldiers at the Ra'anana intersection tomorrow morning, as their contribution to Israel's 40th Independence Day.

The theme of this year's Independence Day is the Declaration of Independence. Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel will open an exhibition today at the Knesset on "The Declaration of Independence and Other Documents in the Life of the State." On Thursday, the exhibit will be open to the public from 9 to 4.

Hundreds of policemen, the Civil Guard and the Border Police will be on special duty from Hadera northwards to Kiryat Shmona from this afternoon until the end of the Independence Day festivities in all places where large numbers of people congregate.



A guide points the way on a walk yesterday over the "Burma Road," which saved Jerusalem when the capital was under siege during the War of Independence. A thousand children participated in the Jewish National Fund walk to mark the 40th anniversary of independence. (Joe Malcolm)

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV
8.00 Teletext 8.05 Keep Fit 8.15 Mathematics 8.40 No Secrets 9.00 English 9.20 Mathematics 10.10 English 10.30 Hebrew Sursum 11.00 French 11.15 Mathematics 11.30 Geography 12.25 Literature 13.00 Music 13.30 Sciences 14.00 Teletext 14.05 "Triumphs of a Man Called Horse" — a western with Richard Harris 15.55 Petter Butterfly 16.25 The Hidden Gold Cities (part 3) 16.50 Teletext 17.00 A New Evening

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Tail to the News 18.00 "The Square Pegs" 18.20 animation

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup 18.32 The world's biggest museum, "The Louvre" (part 4) 19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at
20.00 Opening ceremony of Remembrance Day 20.15 "The Tail Guy" the life and death of Abraham Heusmann who fell in the War of Independence 21.00 Mabat Newsweek 21.30 The Ben Horin family 22.35 Memorial Songs 23.15 "Flute" Suite for Flute written by Leonard Bernstein in memory of his friend Yadin Tennenbaum played by Jean-Pierre Rampal 23.45 News

ISRAEL TV CHANNEL 2
18.30 "Zorik" a programme about a pilot who fell in the Yom Kippur War 19.00 "Poems of Life" in memory of 7 artists who fell in Israel's wars 19.30 "Great Tranquillity" poems and readings for Remembrance Day 20.00 Direct broadcast of the opening ceremony of Remembrance Day, in memory of IDF soldiers who fell in the line of duty 20.20 "The Sacrifice" Israeli TV drama by Ira Dvir with Gabi Amrani and Yossi Yadin

JORDAN TV (unofficial)
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 No Place Like Home 21.10 News Series 22.00 News in English 22.20 Murder She Wrote 23.30 Rich Man Poor Man

MIDDLE EAST TV
13.00 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shape-Up 15.00 Muppet Babies 15.30 Flying House 16.00 Fraggle Rock 16.30 Afternoon Movie: "It's Only Money" stars: Jerry Lewis and Zachary Scott 18.00 Star Trek 19.00 News 20.00 The A-Team 21.00 MacGyver 22.00 Airwolf 23.00 700 Club 23.30 Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC
6.01 Morning Melodies 7.00 Faure: Pelles et Meland: Schubert: Symphony No.5; Kodaly: Hary Janos 9.00 Haydn: Piano Trio; Britten: Simple Symphony; Bloch: Schelomo; Brahms: Sextet No.2; Mahler: Symphony No.5 12.00 From the Record Shelf — works by

Dvorak and Ariaga 12.05 Dvorak: Scherzo Capriccioso; Respighi: "The Birds"; Grieg: Piano Concerto, Suite 15.00 Young Music 16.00 From the World's Concert Halls — Music Weeks in Berlin 17.30 Vocal Music — works by Monteverdi and Charpentier 18.00 From the Record Shelf 18.00 Laments and Melancholic Works by Castelnuovo-Tedesco; Avni; Barber; Y. Boehm; Faure and Ravell 20.00 Melancholic Music 20.30 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Tal: "Midlar Noflim"; Beethoven: Symphony No.3; Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No.3 22.30 "Adagio" by Albinoni; Mozart; Angel; Tardis; Respighi; Barber; Beethoven and Bruch

RADIO 1st
6.03 Programmes for Olim 7.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew 8.05 Compass 9.05 Information for Listeners 10.05 Israeli Songs and Dances 11.05 Morning Pearls 12.05 Mideast Melody 13.00 News in English 13.30 News in French 14.05 Youth Magazine 15.30 Everyman's University 16.05 The Gold Watch Club 17.00 News in English 17.05 News in French 17.10 Songs for the Afternoon 18.05 Jewish Tradition 19.05 The Mishna Portion for today 19.20 Bible Reading 19.30 Programmes for Olim 22.05 Hebrew Songs 00.00 News

RADIO 2nd
6.04 Editorial Review 6.10 Gymnastics 6.30 News roundup 6.52 Green Light — drivers' corner 7.00 This Morning — news magazine 8.05 Making an Issue 9.05 House Call with Ricka Mitchell 10.05 All Shades of the Network 12.10 O.K. On Two 13.00 Midday — news commentary, music 14.05 Arts and Culture magazine 14.30 Humour 15.05 Hebrew Songs 16.05 Economics Magazine 17.05 Magic Moments 18.05 Oriental Songs 18.45 Sports 19.00 Today — radio newsround 19.35 Environment Magazine 20.01 Opening ceremony of Remembrance Day (direct broadcast) 20.15 Prayers 20.30 Melancholic Songs 21.05 Hebrew Songs 22.05 Memorial Candle 00.05 Midnight Magazine 00.15 Hebrew Songs

ARMY
6.05 University on the Air 6.30 Open Your Eyes — songs, information 7.07 "707" 8.00 Good Morning Israel 9.05 "Music" with Orli Yaniv 10.05 Hebrew Songs 11.05 Right Now 12.05 Daily sounds 14.05 Daily Meeting 15.05 Festival songs 16.05 Four in the Afternoon 17.00 Evening Newsround 18.05 Economics Magazine 18.05 Hebrew Songs 20.05 Opening ceremony of Remembrance Day (direct broadcast from the Western Wall) 22.05 "Words Speak about Death" 23.05 A programme about finding soldiers missing in action 02.00 Hebrew Songs 5.00 Morning Melodies — Hebrew Songs

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

Cinemas will be closed this evening due to Remembrance Day.

JERUSALEM
Beit Agnon: Crocodile Dundee 6. Exodus 8. Cinemascope: My Dinner with Andre 7. Blood on the Moon 9.30. The Burness Harp 9.30. East: Tongue in Cheek 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Editors: Freedom Fighters 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Jerusalem Theatre: Hope and Glory 7.30. Au Revoir les Enfants 7.30. 9.30. Miteh-shel: Fatal Attraction 7.15. 9.30. Ogei: Wall Street 4.30. 6.50. 9.15. Orion 1: Running Man 4.30. Ironweed 7.30. Orion 2: Dirty Dancing 3.45. The Last Emperor 5.45. 8.45. 9.15. Orion 3: Los Angeles 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Orion 4: Shellshock 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Orion 5: Stalkout 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Orion 6: Les Yeux Noirs 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Orion 7: 9.30. 9.30. Country Holiday 7.30. 9.30.

TEL AVIV
Beit Lesieles: Animal House 11.15. Ben Yehuda: Fatal Attraction 4.30. 7.15. 9.45. Beit: Wall Street 5.15. 7.45. 9.50. Cheek 2: Empire of the Sun 3.30. 6.30. 9.30. Cheek 3: The Last Emperor 5.30. 8.30. 9.30. Cheek 4: Can't Buy Me Love 11.2. 5.35. 9.50. Cheek 5: Stalkout 11.2. 5.35. 9.50. Cheek 6: Suspect 7.30. Disenchantment 11.30. 4.30. 7.15. 9.45. Disenchantment II: Hope and Glory 11.30. 4.30. 7.15. 9.45. Drive-In: Running Man 7.45. Tongue in Cheek 9.45. Sex film, midnight: Eastern: The Scyllian 15.7. 9.45. Beit: Nuts 5.7. 9.45. Hakeles: Z.O.A. Movie: The Beauty of Sin 4.30. 7.15. 9.30. Hedi: Tongue in Cheek 5.7. 9.30. Lev 1: Le Grand Chemin 2. 5.7. 9.45. Lev II: The Hidden Fortress 2. 4.45. 7.15. 9.45. Lev III: The Return of Martin Guerre 2. Wings of Desire 4.45. 7.15. 9.45. Lev IV: Tolerance 2. 5.7. 9.30. Limor Hamehudeles: Ironweed 4.30. 7.30. 9.30. Maimon: Stalkout 4.30. 7.30. 9.40. New Gordon: Shellshock 5.7. 9.30. Orion: Moonstruck 5.7. 9.30. Paris: Lady Eve 12. 4. 7.15. 9.30. Peer: Tel Aviv Museum: Black Eyes 4.30. 7.30. Zafren: Au Revoir les Enfants 5.7. 9.45.

HAIFA
Atzmon 1: Fatal Attraction 4.30. 7.45. 9. Atzmon 2: Tongue in Cheek 4.30. 7.30. Atzmon 3: Dirty Dancing 4.30. 7.30. Cheek Hamehudeles: Can't Buy Me Love 4.30. 7.30. 9. Keren Or Hamehudeles: With-

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RAMAT GAN
Lily: Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 7.30. 9.30. Ogei: Nuts 5.7. 9.45. Ogei: Tongue in Cheek 4.30. 7.15. 9.30. Rev 1: Wall Street 5.7. 9.30. Rev 2: Stalkout 5.7. 9.30. Rev 3: Empire of the Sun 6.15. 9.15. Rev 4: The Last Emperor 6.15. 9.15.

HERZLIYA
Dan Accadia Cinema Club: Dragnet 7. 9.30. Daniel Hotel Auditorium: Ironweed 6.45. 9.30. David: Shellshock 7.15. 9.30. Hechal: Tongue in Cheek 7.30. 9.30. New Theater: Like Father Like Son 7.30. 9.30.

HOLON
Armon Hamehudeles: Tel Aviv-Los Angeles 7.30. 9.30. Migdal: Nuts 7.30. 9.30. Savoy: Fatal Attraction 4.30. 7.15. 9.45.

BAT YAM
Atzmon: Can't Buy Me Love 5.7. 9.30.

GHATAYIM
Hechal: Moonstruck 5.7. 9.30.

RAMAT HASHARON
Kochev: The Best Shot 7.

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. Hechal 1: Tongue in Cheek 5.7. 9.30. G.G. Hechal 2: Fatal Attraction 4.30. 7.15. 9.45. G.G. Hechal 3: The Running Man 5.7. 9.30.

RISHON LEZION
G.G. Ron 1: Tongue in Cheek 5.7. 9.30. G.G. Ron 2: Moonstruck 7.30. 9.30.

NETANYA
Dor: Hechal Hamehudeles: Adventures in Babysitting 7.15. 9.30. Studio Netanya: Black Eyes 5.7. 9.30.

BEERSHEBA
Chech: Tongue in Cheek 5.7. 9.30. Hechal Hamehudeles: Million Dollar Duck 4.30. Stalkout 7.9.15.

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Rome's Jews: Keeping the family united over Israel

Lisa Palmieri-Billig/Rome

"THE FACT that we all have different ideas on Israel's handling of the crisis indicates that the Diaspora is as democratic as Israel," said Adolfo Perugia, newly elected president of the Italian Zionist Federation's Rome branch. "The form and content of criticism, however, are all-important in determining the political effectiveness of the message," he told *The Jerusalem Post*, pointing out that the common denominator of all communications between the Diaspora and Israel should be renewed support of the Jewish state and our common heritage.

Recently, on Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, he recalled, six candles in memory of the six million Holocaust victims were lit in front of Rome's main synagogue instead of the usual seven, and on April 20, the celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary will be a major event. Leading Italian personalities were invited for both occasions.

However, while the "form and content" of Jewish criticism of Israel may be a "healthy debate" to some, it can and has become a bitter confrontation to others. What to say, to whom and under what circumstances are the vital issues - not disagreement itself, in this time of crisis.

One well-known Jewish writer who wishes to remain anonymous, and who was one of the 500 Italian Jews who signed a critical appeal handed to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, during his recent visit to Rome, told *The Post* she has been receiving threatening phone calls from the self-styled "Jewish Defence League" - composed mostly of the grandsons of the 2,091 Jewish deportees from Rome's old ghetto (only 200 returned) in the Nazi raid of October 16, 1943.

This same small group of young "toughs" is blamed for having plastered the Via del Portico d'Ottavia - the ghetto's main street - with insults against Jewish communities.

Generally speaking the Rome community is the least outspoken in criticism of Israel, compared to the rest of Italian Jewry.

Yet beneath the hush-up which, in line with good Jewish tradition is aimed at "keeping the family united," anguish prevails.

THIS MONTH'S issue of the official organ of Italian Jewry, *Shalom*,



Rome's Synagogue. The Jewish community in Italy is "in anguish" over its response to events in Israel. (Reuters)

calls for a national Jewish convention aimed at internal clarification, in order to dispel a "collective neurosis" over the dilemma: "whether the Diaspora should express itself, talk, send Israel appeals, warnings, fraternal criticism (our loyalty remaining beyond question) or whether to choose silence to avoid misuse of our words - albeit a significant silence, not one to be interpreted as expressing solidarity with a political policy that cannot receive unconditional approval."

Italy is presently bustling with Jewish festivals, meetings, conventions, notes *Shalom* - "on culture, history, art, the Holocaust... all on the highest levels, but this is also a way of (psychologically) 'removing' discussion on the only real point everyone would like to talk about."

All throughout the post-"Operation Peace for Galilee" years which have signalled a loss in Israel's "popularity," Italian Jewish leaders have succeeded in galvanizing Ita-

ly's substantial store of democratic "voices" to watch out, side-by-side with Jewish citizens, lest the ugly face of anti-Semitism become legitimized as before World War II. Italian public opinion leaders have generally offered positive and corrective responses when press distortions about Israel have occurred. And perhaps the "going public" of Jewish opinions on Israel, despite Jewish concern, has helped rather than harmed Israel's image. It has "humanized" the "chosen people" - a concept so often misinterpreted in a most vulgar, simplistic fashion.

A poetic "letter" by an Italian Jewish songwriter and singer of Libyan origin, Herbert Pagani, published this week by the *Corriere della Sera* moved many Italians. After listing all the reasons why no other people on earth have the right to give moral advice to Israel, he asks Israel to "hold out your hand, even if there is no one there to shake it, and let the world witness your outstretched hand."

'As long as we are doctors, we are not involved in politics'

Medicine stays a neutral ground in the struggle

Gershon Gorenberg

pushed rapidly through an agenda of public health problems.

"The Shin Bet and the Shabiba [the outlawed Fatah youth movement] have an agreement not to touch health care," quips Tulchinsky. The comment is meant figuratively. But during the uprising the Civil Administration's Government Health Service has continued to function, almost untouched by political pressures, and Israeli and Palestinian doctors continue to cooperate.

THE GOVERNMENT service is the major provider of health care in the territories, alongside charitable organizations and UN agencies, particularly Unwra.

Three out of five hospital beds in the West Bank and 85 per cent of those in the Gaza Strip are in government hospitals. The service runs

'Some innovations in the territories...are 10 years ahead of anything in Israel'

165 clinics in the West Bank, as well as 131 mother-and-child centres, and 26 clinics in the Gaza Strip.

Health care for pregnant women and children under three is free. Tulchinsky says. Care is also free for all residents of the territories covered by government health insurance, which includes those working legally in Israel, employees of the Civil Administration and the municipalities, and others who choose to join.

There has been a "massive expansion" in Israeli training programmes for Palestinian health professionals, including doctors, nurses, lab technicians and ambulance drivers over the past few years, says Tulchinsky. He ticks off examples: In 1987, 25 doctors from the territories completed a two-year, full-time course as anesthetists in Israeli teaching hospitals. A dozen nurses from Gaza were trained as midwives at Assaf Harofeh Hospital.

The health system has grown in other ways too, Tulchinsky says. In the Hebron area, "health rooms" have been set up in 50 small villages. In each village, a local staffer with six months' training gives advice on

nutrition and health care, examines children, gathers information on health problems and coordinates visits by doctor-nurse teams. Funding for the programme comes from Unicef.

At Ramallah Hospital, a new open heart surgery unit is running smoothly, performing one or two operations per week. In the future, Tulchinsky says, the hospital will become "the Hadassah of the West Bank," providing neurosurgery, cancer treatment, and other specialist care.

Some innovations in the territories have not been matched in Israel itself. The research centre in Gaza, for example, has created a computerized data base of all vital statistics and child health records in the Gaza Strip. Public health professionals can easily analyse the figures, and Tulchinsky says the facility is "10 years ahead of anything in Israel."

No one denies, though, that health care in the territories lags behind that of Israel, and doctors often refer difficult cases to Israel, or sometimes to Jordan. Palestinian doctors have criticized Israel in the past for not doing enough to upgrade services in the territories.

Bakr echoes that criticism, saying Israel has provided "quantity but not quality."

At Shifa, he says, "the situation is primitive," and the hospital lacks facilities for intensive care and treatment by specialists.

Tulchinsky, though, says hospital services have undergone enormous change for the better. But progress would be even faster, he comments, if more people outside Israel who are concerned about the Palestinians were willing "to put up money instead of tears and speeches."

Funding from Arab countries, he says, "has been more fiction than fact."

"One can argue: The Israelis should provide everything, because they're the occupying power. But you know from Israel and elsewhere that the government doesn't provide everything," Hadassah, he says, is a prime example of a health service supported by philanthropy.

THE DISAGREEMENTS have not kept Israeli and Palestinian health professionals from working together. Nor has the uprising of the last four months stopped the cooperation.

Not one training course in Israel has been interrupted or cancelled, Tulchinsky says.

Interest in studying in Israel remains high. A dozen doctors and other health professionals from the Gaza Strip have already applied to study next year in The Hebrew University's Master of Public Health programme.

While many other Palestinians have left their jobs in the Civil Administration in response to calls in the leaflets put out by the shadowy United National Leadership of the Uprising, health workers say they have faced no pressures to quit. Says Bakr, "They ask us to work more. The leaflets tell us to open new clinics, increase doctor visits." He adds: "As long as we are doctors, we are not involved in politics, but in medicine."

'More people who are concerned about the Palestinians should put up money instead of tears and speeches'

An Israeli source said that health workers have occasionally been arrested, but "we supported them," preventing a backlash among staffers.

Bakr says that the uprising has put strains on Shifa. "On some days we have received 40, 50, 60 casualties. And then there is the psychological condition of the people accompanying the casualties, and of the people working in the hospital. A person who is injured is one of us, a member of the Palestinian people. Do you think if we see someone who is really injured, we are not affected?"

Bakr reports that doctors and nurses have sometimes had difficulties getting to work and that patients are fearful of coming for treatment because of the troops near the hospital.

Tulchinsky notes, though, that the Israeli health system has been harder hit by the current labour dispute than hospitals in the territories have been affected by the number of casualties.

No one has seriously suggested reducing Israeli support for health care in the territories as a result of the uprising, he says.

Dr. Yehia Abed, head of the Gaza Research Centre, says that office work at the centre has continued normally over the past four months, though field work has been difficult. Abed says the windows of his own car have been twice smashed by stones, "but that's because I visit risky areas."

As one source said, Israeli and Palestinian health workers have shown "a feeling of a common mission." That feeling, it appears, has made medicine a neutral ground where the two sides can work together in the midst of the battle for the territories. □

Unease in the Los Angeles Jewish community

Debating the media's role in Israel

Tom Tugend/Los Angeles

THE JEWISH community is continuing to debate the coverage of Israel by *The Los Angeles Times*, following a recent demonstration by some 300 protesters at the daily's downtown office.

The demonstrators carried hand-painted signs charging that *The Times's* coverage of Israeli action in the West Bank and Gaza "breeds anti-Semitism." Other participants shredded copies of the newspaper, to the cheers of their fellows and shouts of "never again."

The main target of the protesters' ire was cartoonist Paul Conrad, a multiple Pulitzer Prize winner, whose work, they charged, insulted the Jewish religion and revived shades of Nazi propaganda.

Other complaints transmitted to *Times's* officials following the demonstration pointed to the heavy front page coverage given to "inflammatory" photos from Gaza and to stories filed by Dan Fisher, *The Times's* correspondent in Jerusalem.

In a prepared statement, *The Times* defended its coverage, stood up for Conrad's "often provocative"

cartoons, and praised Fisher for his "balanced and thorough reporting."

An indication was a forum on "Israel's Image in the Media," which attracted a capacity crowd of 2,000, who paid to listen to a panel of experts discuss the topic. The speakers were Lawrence Grossman, president of NBC News, Wolf Blitzer, Washington correspondent of *The Jerusalem Post*, Ze'ev Chafetz, former director of Israel's Government Press Office, Norman Kempster, diplomatic correspondent of *The L.A. Times*, and former NBC anchorman Edwin Newman as moderator.

NBC's Grossman said that the presence of television crews at a trouble spot actually served as a moderating influence.

Blitzer warned against closing the territories to the press and pointed out that the Jewish people have a long tradition of public self-criticism going back at least as far as the biblical accounts of King David's sexual aberrations.

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IFA sack Mihic, appoint Shneur-Grundman

Unlucky 13 may trap Orioles

TEL AVIV - The Israel Football Association, sticking to soccer's mercenary tradition that losing coaches must fade away like snow upon the desert's dusty face, have administered the order of the boot to Yugoslav coach Miljenko Mihic. They came to the decision while Mihic was away on holiday in his native land.

The IFA decided to replace him with two joint coaches, Yitzhak Shneur, who has just taken Hapoel Tel Aviv to the top spot in the National League, and Yaakov Grundman, who has done very well with Shimshon.

Both Shneur and Grundman have accepted the appointments, and are expected to take over the national team at the end of the season, when they will give up their present posts.

Shneur said that he and Grundman had worked in tandem in Maccabi Tel Aviv, and he was certain that there would be no difficulties between them when they formed



COALITION GOVERNMENT - Yaakov Grundman and Yitzhak Shneur have been appointed joint managers of the Israel national soccer team.

what appeared to be as unnatural a monster - a two-headed coach - as Israel's coalition government.

The decision to throw out Mihic was unexpected by most sports crit-



(Hanoach Gutmann and Rovevsky)

ics and fans, despite the defeat in Australasia, because of the gallant fighting display by the Israelis, and because Mihic discovered so many new young players of talent, instead

of relying on the old guard.

But tradition counts in Israel. What may have counted against Mihic was the fact that nobody could talk to him, unless they happened to know his language. The trouble with Shneur and Grundman may prove to be that everyone can talk to them.

In fact, the decision of the executive was almost unanimous only Dov Shinar voting against the dismissal and chairman Shaul Shviri abstaining. It is not clear yet whether Mihic will be allowed to work out his contract till it ends in October, or whether he will be asked to pack his bag and boots and go, adequately compensated.

There may be some compensation for Mihic in the fact that one of the men who caused his downfall, huge Garry McDowell, the Australian defender, has been suspended for six months by FIFA for stamping on Yaron Parsellani's head while the Israeli lay on the ground. He will miss the Olympics in Seoul.

NEW YORK (AP) - The Baltimore Orioles lost their 12th straight game to open the season, one short of the major league record, as Mel Hall and Brook Jacoby had three hits apiece to pace the Cleveland Indians to a 4-1 victory Sunday.

The Indians, who won for the 11th time in 13 games, are off to their best start since 1966, and they have won five in a row.

John Farrell gave up four hits in 8½ innings for Cleveland, and Dan Schatzeder came on for his second save, giving up one hit.

"The most difficult thing about this is, the last four nights especially, we've been in every ball game, and we just can't get the hit we need to win," Orioles designated hitter Larry Sheets said.

The Orioles, off to the worst start in their history, are within one of tying the record of 13 straight season-opening losses by the 1904 Washington Senators and the 1920 Detroit Tigers.

Baltimore also is two games shy of the longest losing streak in the franchise's history. The Orioles lost 14 in a row in 1954 and twice before that when they were the St. Louis Browns.

Hall, who went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI, has 14 hits in his last 30 at-bats.

"It was the same story," Indians Manager Doc Edwards said. "We got good pitching and timely hitting."

Red Sox 15, Rangers 2
Mike Greenwell drove in a career-high six runs with a homer, two singles and a grounder as the Boston Red Sox broke out of a slump with a 20-hit attack for a 15-2 rout of the Texas Rangers.

Rick Cerone, acquired as a free agent on Thursday, had four hits for the Red Sox, and Jim Rice and Marty Barrett had three hits apiece.

Staked to a 10-0 lead in the first two innings, Bruce Hurst breezed to victory with a four-hitter. He struck out eight and walked three in his first complete game of the season.

Blue Jays 2, Twins 0
Mike Flanagan and Tom Henke combined on a seven-hit shutout, and Kelly Gruber figured in both Toronto runs as the Blue Jays snapped a four-game losing streak with a 2-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Flanagan, 2-0, struck out two, walked two and did not allow a runner past second base. He came out after allowing a leadoff single to Tim Lander in the eighth, and Henke earned his second save, giving up two hits in two innings.

Twins right-hander Les Straker, 0-1, allowed seven hits in seven innings and has not won on the road since last July 9.

Brewers 6, Yankees 3
Joey Meyer homered for his first major league hit, Robin Yount and Rob Deer also homered, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the New York Yankees 6-3 behind the pitching of Ted Higuera.

Higuera, 2-0, allowed three runs on seven hits over 8½ innings before he was relieved by Dan Plesac, who earned his first save.

Higuera held the Yankees to an unearned run in the third until Roberto Kelly got the Yankees' first extra-base hit, a one-out double in the ninth. Mike Pagliarulo followed with his third homer, and Plesac came on to get the final two outs. Other games: Tigers 8, Royals 6; White Sox 7, Athletics 6; Braves 5, Dodgers 1; Astros 5, Reds 3; Mets 3, Cardinals 2; Expos 5, Phillies 2; Pirates 12, Cubs 7; Giants 9, Padres 4.

No sugar daddy for Hapoel TA

By JEFF BLACK
TEL AVIV - Hapoel Tel Aviv's top-of-the-league soccer team, and its championship-aspiring basketball side, can no longer count on the Histadrut to act as its sugar-daddy in times of crisis.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar lashed out earlier this week at the "licentious" salaries paid to Hapoel's soccer and basketball players, and dismissed angrily any suggestion of the labour federation bailing out the troubled Tel Aviv club.

The Income Tax Authorities have been pressing Hapoel Tel Aviv for the payment of a NIS 2.7m. debt, and at one point even threatened to apply for a court order closing down the club.

On Sunday, the day after Hapoel Tel Aviv came back from behind to beat Hapoel Petah Tikva and leapfrog over Maccabi Netanya to the top of the National Soccer League, Histadrut central committee member Moshe Waldman suggested sending a congratulatory telegram and bouquet of flowers to the new

league leaders. Waldman also recommended issuing a statement, promising financial backing for Hapoel Tel Aviv in its dispute with the tax authorities.

At this Kessar - not noted as a soccer aficionado, unlike Trade Union Department head Haim Haberfeld - blew the whistle.

Kessar said such a suggestion was "immoral." The labour federation leader said it was morally wrong to use money collected from members earning NIS 800 to bail out a club paying "licentious" salaries to its

players. It was also pointed out that a congratulatory telegram and bouquet would be seven games premature. Although Hapoel Tel Aviv may have finished the regular season on top, they still face the play-offs before they can call themselves the champions.

Meanwhile, the threat of closure looming over the club seems to have diminished somewhat as an agreement between Hapoel and the tax authorities over how to pay back the debt has reportedly been reached.

Renascent Benfica warn Europe

LONDON (Reuters) - Once mighty Benfica, one match away from their first European Cup final in 20 years, hammered a five-goal warning to semi-final opponents Steaua Bucharest at the weekend while two British marksmen made dramatic headlines in Spain and Italy.

Benfica thrashed lowly Espinho 5-1 at home in the Portuguese First Division despite the absence of key strikers Rui Aguas and Swedish international Mats Magnusson in the perfect warm-up for their semi-final second leg with Steaua tomorrow.

But the European spotlight fell mainly on Italy, where beleaguered Welsh striker Ian Rush scored one and set up another to help Juventus to beat champions and league leaders Napoli 3-1.

Rush's 68th-minute close-range header, which put Juventus 2-0 up, ended his five-month goal famine. Afterwards the Welshman needed police protection from 300 jubilant fans eager to show their appreciation.

Rush's English counterpart Gary Lineker was also among the goals in Spain. He netted a brilliant volley as

Barcelona beat Real Sociedad 2-0, a win which virtually ensured that Real Madrid will retain the Spanish crown.

Real Madrid, like PSV Eindhoven, their Dutch opponents in tomorrow's other European Cup semi-final, were held to an uneventful draw. But they are nine points clear of Real Sociedad at the top of the table with five games left.

Benfica, beaten by Manchester United in their last European Cup final in 1968, left Romania with a 0-0 draw against Steaua from the first leg and, restored to full strength, will be favorites to secure their passage to the Stuttgart final.

Real Madrid's goalless draw at Celtic has left them just one win away from their 23rd championship. But they go to Eindhoven worried about the Dutch side's 1-1 draw in Madrid. PSV, already Dutch champions and held 1-1 at Roda JC on Sunday, will be without their influential libero Ronald Koeman for the return leg. He was suspended by the European Football Union (UEFA) for three matches last week, following remarks attributed to him in a magazine article.

Juventus stunned Diego Maradona's Napoli with Rush, under fire in Italy for failing to reproduce at the Turin-based club the prolific scoring form he showed at England's Liverpool, looking sharp and threatening.

CRICKET: Nottingham Forest beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-0 on a penalty shootout, after a draw in the first leg, in the English league Centenary Festival tournament at Wembley yesterday.

Rush was delighted to find the net. "It's the first important goal I've scored since coming to Juventus," he said. "Now everyone will speak well of me again." He had to be protected by police from 300 wildly enthusiastic fans.

SPANISH SOCCER - Weekend matches: Cadiz 5, Real Madrid 2; Barcelona 2, Real Sociedad 0; Real Betis 1, Real Valladolid 0; Celtic 0, Real Madrid 0; Logrono 1, Sporting 0; Real Mallorca 0, Real Zaragoza 0; Sabadell 0, Osasuna 0; Atletico Madrid 1, Las Palmas 0; Athletic Bilbao 2, Sevilla 1; Valencia 2, Espanol 0.

ITALIAN SOCCER - Weekend matches: Ascoli 1, Sampdoria 1; Avellino 1, Pescara 1; Como 2, Cosenza 0; Empoli 0, Torino 0; Internazionale 3, Fiorentina 0; Juventus 3, Napoli 1; Pisa 0, Verona 0; Roma 0, Milan 2.

BELGIAN SOCCER - Weekend matches: Kortrijk 2, Waregem 1; Racing Jet 1, Beerschot 0; Cercle Brugge 1, Beveren 0; Antwerp 5, Willebroek 3; Molenbeek 0, Charleroi 1; FC Liege 1; Lokeren 0, Club Brugge 1; Standard Liege 2, Ghent 1; St Truiden 1, Anderlecht 1.

DUTCH SOCCER - Weekend matches: Roda JC 1, PSV Eindhoven 1; Groningen 2, Utrecht 0; Excelsior 5, Den Haag 1; Den Bosch 0, VVV Venlo 0; AZ Alkmaar 2, Twente 0; FC Zwolle 2, Ajax Amsterdam 0; Willem II 1, Fortuna Sittard 1; Feyenoord 1, Vitesse 0.

SOCCER: Nottingham Forest beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-0 on a penalty shootout, after a draw in the first leg, in the English league Centenary Festival tournament at Wembley yesterday.

West Indies had earlier been bowled out shortly before lunch for 391 with Jeffrey Dujon completing his 50th Test century.

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BASKETBALL

Gali Elyon beat Maccabi Ramat Gan 91-81 in the quarter-finals of the National Basketball League, and will play Maccabi Tel Aviv next Sunday in the first semi-final.

No Sportoto millionaires

There are no new millionaires in the country after last week's Sportoto pools results. But there are still 18 very happy punters who had an all correct entry of the 14 weekend National League and Second Division soccer games. Each of the cruddite entrants wins NIS 225,000 for his trouble.

NBA - Sunday's games: Houston 127, LA Lakers 119; Chicago 105, Milwaukee 97; Washington 98, Boston 92; Denver 133, Dallas 122; Portland 112, Sacramento 102.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Celtics	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit Pistons	52	26	.667	3
Atlanta Hawks	48	30	.615	7
Chicago Bulls	48	30	.615	7
Milwaukee Bucks	40	38	.513	15
Cleveland Cavaliers	39	40	.494	16
New York Knicks	37	42	.468	18
Washington Bullets	37	42	.468	18
Indiana Pacers	36	42	.462	19
Philadelphia 76ers	34	44	.435	21
New Jersey Nets	18	59	.234	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles Lakers	W	L	Pct.	GB
Denver Nuggets	38	20	.655	6
Golden State Warriors	32	27	.540	13
Portland Trail Blazers	30	28	.517	15
Houston Rockets	45	33	.577	13
Utah Jazz	42	36	.538	16
Seattle SuperSonics	42	36	.538	16
San Antonio Spurs	30	48	.385	28
Phoenix Suns	21	57	.266	37
Sacramento Kings	22	57	.278	38
Golden State Warriors	20	58	.256	38
Los Angeles Clippers	17	61	.218	41

Haifa Carmel win Lerner Cup

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV - Haifa's Carmel Country Club yesterday retained the Ronnie Lerner "Champion of Champions" tennis cup, defeating Maccabi Tel Aviv 2-0 in a disappointing one-sided contest at the Maccabi Tzafon courts here.

The event - inaugurated in 1981 - is held at the courts annually in memory of Ronnie Lerner, a former Israeli Davis Cup player and leading member of Maccabi Tzafon, who was killed in a road accident in London in 1980 at the age of 27. It pits the previous season's National League champions and State Cup holders against each other.

Cup holders Haifa needed less than 1½ hours

to win the trophy against the league champions. Service-and-volley master Shahar Perles needed only 18 games in a row to beat Maccabi's Moshé Tsur 6-2, 6-0, while junior star Oded Weinberg got past Nir Dekel 6-3, 6-2. Carmel's chief coach is Shmuel Dank.

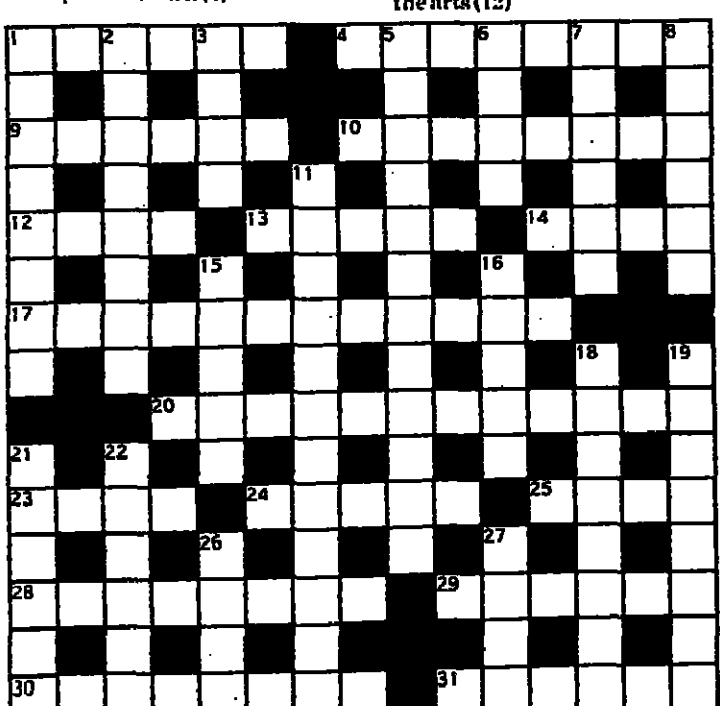
Shlomo Glickstein was standing by to partner Tsur in the doubles. However, with the issue already settled, the "ideal" doubles was not played. Perles' doubles victory with Glickstein on Sunday at the ATP Jerusalem Challenger meant that Shahar has remarkably not failed to take at least one title in the four pre-dominant tournaments in which he has participated during the past year; earlier, he won both the singles and doubles (with Gili Bloom) at last April's Jerusalem tournament, the doubles with Bloom at the Ramat Hazev Grand Prix, and the singles at the ATP Haifa satellite.

Glickstein's doubles success with Shahar marked his first title on the pro-tour since he won the singles event at the 1985 Jerusalem Challenger.



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Not many people with a dog will keep one indoors (6)
 - Spot of wet weather (8)
 - She brings firm into line, perhaps (7)
 - Couple hired to make jewellery (8)
 - Over-disposed to wander (11)
 - Cash enclosure (5)
 - Lockers A to G perhaps (1)
 - Threaten with acid? It may result in inevitable fatality (7,5)
 - Not even a gymnast would use such bars (12)
 - Clap this rubbish (4)
 - Very quiet, perhaps (5)
 - Club for those who like a bit of spice! (4)
 - Personal representation (8)
 - Left in carriage and pair (6)
 - Takes pleasure in being alighted, strangely enough (8)
 - A different composer from Bach and Elgar (6)
- DOWN**
- Agree to do business or shrink from it (8)
 - Hope for the lost and sick (8)
 - Slippers - or part of one! (4)
 - Plans to give scope to people in the arts (12)
 - Cut a prison term (1)
 - Outstanding work of art (6)
 - Chemical evidence of cannabis smoking (6)
 - An unconscious pedestrian (12)
 - Catch a girl with nothing on (5)
 - Keep shop (5)
 - Had a fight and was thrown out (8)
 - A bloomer a miserable clanger! (8)
 - You mash spud with it, silly! (6)
 - Hardy, no: evergreen, yes (8)
 - Fastener for a jumper (4)
 - First get-up a Roman wore (4)



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QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Rain (5)
 - The universe (8)
 - Shun (5)
 - Prized (8)
 - Swift (5)
 - Ocean (3)
 - Doghouse (6)
 - Julius (6)
 - Still (3)
 - Ardent (5)
 - Fit (4)
 - Joyous (5)
 - Kid (4)
 - Indigent (5)
- DOWN**
- Range (5)
 - Cut (5)
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 - Disceled (8)
 - Crucial (8)
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 - Daring (8)
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 - Perform (3)
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Memorial Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars and Israel's 40th Independence Day

Central Ceremonies and Events

Eve of Memorial Day, Today, Tuesday, April 19

- 11:00 a.m. Jerusalem, the Knesset, opening of exhibition, in the presence of the Speaker - the Independence Scroll and other State documents (or invited guests only).
8:00 p.m. Sirens sound throughout the country for one minute's silence.
8:00 p.m. Jerusalem, Western Wall, opening of Memorial Day, and lighting of memorial flame, in the presence of the President and the Chief of Staff, and with the participation of ministers, high-ranking officers of the IDF from all periods, and recipients of decorations for valor.

Memorial Day and Eve of Independence Day, Wednesday, April 20

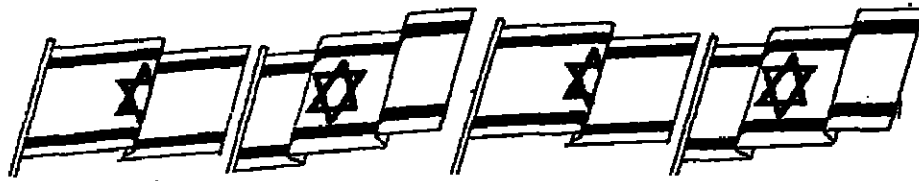
- 11:00 a.m. Sirens throughout the country sound two minutes' silence.
11:00 a.m. Memorial ceremonies in military cemeteries and at memorials, with the participation of bereaved parents, Yad Labanim representatives, ministers, Knesset members, rabbis and IDF representatives.
12 noon Jerusalem, the Knesset, Speaker's reception for the twelve who will light the beacons.
7:45 p.m. Jerusalem, Mt. Herzl, lighting the beacons, marking the end of Memorial Day and the start of Independence Day, with the participation of the Speaker of the Knesset.
7:45 p.m. - midnight Eilat, Naval base open to the public.
8:45 p.m. Start of festivities throughout the country.
8:50 p.m. President's Independence Day speech, on radio and television.
9:30 p.m. Prime Minister's Independence Day speech, on radio and television.

Independence Day, Thursday, April 21

- 8:00 a.m. Festive services at synagogues throughout the country.
8:00 a.m. - midnight Celebrations and events sponsored by local authorities.
9:00 a.m. IDF camps and depots, and museums of valor open to the public. (Details - current Information Centre announcements.)
9:00 a.m. Jerusalem, the Knesset, exhibition - the Independence Scroll and other State documents.
9:45 a.m. Jerusalem, President's residence, gathering of high-ranking IDF officers, heads of security establishment branches, and the 1948 high command.
10:00 a.m. 40 tours "In the Footsteps of the Fighters and Builders," to Israel's 40th year. (Details - current Information Centre notices.)
10:30 a.m. Jerusalem, President's residence, reception for outstanding soldiers.
11:00 a.m. Jerusalem, Jerusalem Theatre, World Bible Quiz for Jewish Youth, with the participation of the Prime Minister, the Knesset Speaker, the President of the Supreme Court, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, and the Chairman of the Zionist Executive. Will be televised.
4:00 p.m. Jerusalem, President's residence, reception for the diplomatic corps.
5:00 p.m. Jerusalem, Jerusalem Theatre, distribution of Israel Prizes, in the presence of the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, the President of the Supreme Court, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, and the Mayor of Jerusalem. Will be televised.
6:45 p.m. Ramat Gan Stadium, IDF Display to mark Israel's 40th anniversary, in the presence of the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, the Deputy Premier, ministers, Knesset members, and public personalities. Will be televised.
9:00 p.m. Jerusalem, Sultan's Pool, festive Independence Day concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

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ביום העצמאות הניפו את דגל המדינה

Rotem eyeing Australia as source for year-round sales

By JUDY MALTZ
For The Jerusalem Post

Rotem Fertilizers Ltd., a subsidiary of state-owned Israel Chemicals Ltd., is planning a major marketing thrust into Australia, Managing Director Nissim Konforty says.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Konforty said the company, Israel's leading exporter of fertilizers, is keen on tapping new markets in the Southern Hemisphere in order to ensure steady sales throughout the winter months. Rotem has already been selling fertilizers to New Zealand for the past several years and has also succeeded in tapping a large market in Argentina.

The Southern Hemisphere countries, according to Konforty, already account for one-quarter of Rotem's sales. But Italy still remains its largest market, taking 20% of its output, mainly because of its proximity.

Konforty said tapping the Australian market would take considerable investments of time and effort, and that it could take years before the first sale was registered. But one factor working in the company's favour, he said, was that other Israeli Chemicals subsidiaries already export to Australia, so that Rotem's fertilizers could be hooked up with their shipments, saving the company large sums in transport costs.

Another attractive feature of the Australian market, he said, was that it was much more stable than the company's traditional Eastern European markets, which tend to take



Rotem Managing Director Nissim Konforty and the company's Negev plant.

about 15% of its sales but fluctuate considerably from year to year.

Rotem's total sales topped \$70 million for the first time last year, Konforty said, with \$55m. worth deriving from exports. In 1986, the company lost \$2m., as a result of the slump in world fertilizer prices. He predicted its results for last year, which have not yet been published, would show a recovery, and that by 1988, Rotem would return to profitability, thanks to increased sales and the recent upturn in world fertilizer

prices.

"Our main problem today," he said, "is that we are operating under capacity." He estimated that the company could sell twice as much as it is currently producing were it not for the fact that it lacked the approximately \$100m. in capital needed to expand production. Konforty said he strongly favoured raising capital abroad.

Until quite recently, Israel Chemicals had West German partners in Rotem, who held a 26% stake in the

company. Under the terms of the contract originally signed with these investors, at the time the company was formed in 1977, they had the option to pull out once it reached maturity and could stand on its own two feet.

Unlike managers in other state-controlled enterprises, Konforty said the government had given him a relatively free hand in running Rotem and was quick in approving proposed development programmes for the company.

But he and other analysts forecast a price slump if the meeting failed to come up with a cut.

A pact between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-Opec producers would keep prices close to the cartel reference price of \$18 through a period of



Historic Opec/non-Opec parley

Higher oil prices in offing?

By PETER MILLERSHIP
LONDON - Moves by Opec to cooperate with other producers to prop oil prices have sent them higher without the cartel having to sacrifice any output, but the market expects a production cut when the two sides meet late in April.

Joint output cuts of between 600,000 to one million barrels per day by Opec and the other sellers who have been invited to talks at its Vienna headquarters on April 26 are vital to erase surpluses and stop prices falling, market analysts say.

The price of British North Sea Brent crude oil, a barometer of world trends, jumped 13% to \$17 a barrel on news a week ago that the meeting was being arranged, to be followed by a full Opec conference. Yesterday new attacks in the Gulf sent oil prices higher, dealers reported. A cargo of North Sea Brent traded in Europe at \$17.38 a barrel for June loading, up nearly 40 cents from Friday.

"A production cut is built into the higher price. Anything in excess of 600,000 is enough," says Fergus Macleod, an oil analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd in London.

"The market is now convinced that non-Opec [oil producers] will cut production and Opec will cut production," said Joseph Stanislaw, managing director of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, at an oil seminar in Tokyo.

But he and other analysts forecast a price slump if the meeting failed to come up with a cut.

A pact between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-Opec producers would keep prices close to the cartel reference price of \$18 through a period of

slack demand until the next Opec meeting in June, after which demand is expected to pick up, the analysts said.

Paul Motok of Salomon Brothers in New York, says U.S. crude oil prices could even rise above \$20 a barrel in the second half of 1988, due to growing seasonal demand and cooperation on output levels between Opec and non-Opec producers. He expects Opec and non-Opec producers to agree to a combined production cut of about one million barrels daily.

The fact that the meeting was postponed by three days and that one of the invitees, Colombia, said it would not attend did not ruffle the market.

Macleod says key invitees Mexico and Egypt will be there and the postponement was positive as it meant serious efforts to cooperate were taking place. "Talk that Norway might attend has more than offset Colombia's refusal," he says.

Opec's Vienna headquarters had teleaxed invitations to Oman, China, Malaysia, Angola, Colombia, Egypt and Mexico.

Opec president Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria said April 9, after a meeting of the Opec price committee - which consists of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Venezuela and Algeria - that Norway and the Soviet Union might come along. That price committee meeting was called after Brent prices hit 16-month lows around \$14 a barrel in mid-March.

Further output cuts have been advocated by price "hawks" such as Iran and Algeria, but such Gulf states as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been reluctant to drive prices too high.

The pricing committee, however, surprised the market by announcing

the unprecedented meeting with the non-Opec sellers.

The seven nations invited recently met in London to discuss prices and account for 8.4 million barrels daily, four million of which is exported.

If the two sides fail to agree, Macleod says, prices will fall by about \$2 a barrel to the levels they were prior to the announcement of the non-Opec/Opec meeting.

"The expectations are now in place... They must be met or the price goes down," Stanislaw says.

Analysts say, however, that prices are unlikely to repeat the 1985-86 collapse when they fell from \$30 to \$9 when quotas were virtually ignored.

It was still unclear what form any output cuts would take. Deputy Oil Minister Kazempour Ardebili of Iran said he wanted cuts of between 5% and 10%.

Indonesian Oil Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said that between them, Opec and non-Opec producers could make output cuts of between 700,000 and 800,000 barrels daily. He said this could be done by getting Opec members to abide strictly by existing cartel-assigned quotas while the non-Opec sellers cut output by up to half a million barrels daily to pre-1987 levels.

"Non-Opec has the outlines for a deal but no deal has been struck yet," says Stanislaw. But he expects the non-Opec sellers to offer to cut output only by up to 300,000 barrels daily.

The minimum needed by Opec to protect prices is a statement saying nations now over-producing would go back to their quotas, taking some 300,000 barrels out of the market, Stanislaw says.

(Reuters)

Self-employed are due to be reimbursed from NII

Some 100,000 self-employed businessmen's bank accounts will show an increase of between NIS 100 and NIS 2,000 in the next few days, as the National Insurance Institute begins reimbursing them for their 1986 NII contributions.

The reimbursement follows the

government's decision in 1986 to waive NII payments in July and November that year in the battle to reduce labour costs. But in recent months, these businessmen received a demand for the difference owed in their NII contributions according to their 1986 assessment. This assess-

ment, however, did not take into consideration the two months when the contributions were waived.

As a result, the NII will have to pay out some NIS 42 million to those who qualify for the reimbursement. At the same time, however, around 30,000 self-employed businessmen

who had too low an assessment for 1986 will have to pay an extra NIS 8m. to the NII.

Meanwhile, Lahav, the organization for the self-employed, is protesting NII plans to introduce in the next few days a 10.7% increase in the advances its members pay.

ISRAEL RAILWAYS had their best cargo year yet, with a record volume of 6.7 million tons carried during the 1987/88 fiscal year. The increase of 4.6% over the previous year was mainly due to increases in shipments of minerals for export.

De Beers still leads after 100 years - centenary marked by record sales, profits and dividend.

Extracts from Julian Ogilvie Thompson's Statement for 1987

It must be unique for a company which on its formation became the leader of an international business, indisputably still to hold that position at its centenary. Yet that is the achievement of De Beers Consolidated Mines.

It is no less gratifying that in our centenary year the Central Selling Organisation should have been able to announce record sales of rough diamonds, and the Company to announce record profits and declare its highest dividend ever.

The sharp fall in prices on world stock exchanges from the middle of October understandably caused hesitancy in diamond markets. Fulfilling its traditional role, the CSO responded by severely reducing its sales at the November and December sights and maintained its cautious policy into the new year. This action, together with reports of good Christmas sales in the retail trade, resulted in a restoration of confidence during the first quarter of 1988 and the market is once again firm.

Further growth.

For the fifth successive year world retail sales of diamond jewellery established a record, principally as a result of increasing consumer confidence and spending - a reflection in turn of further growth in the world economy.

Sales of natural industrial diamonds and of synthetic abrasives and polycrystalline diamond (PCD) products were a record in both volume and value and the trend has continued into 1988.

The Argyle mine in Australia, which in terms of volume is the world's largest producer, has been operating at full capacity for the last two years. The absorption by the market of most of the cuttable portion of its production has been remarkable. This has been greatly facilitated by the efforts of the CSO, both in its methods of assortment and sale and through its consumer advertising; by the constructive relationship between it and Argyle Diamond Sales; and by the ingenuity of the Indian industry, which manufactures the majority of these stones, in working them.

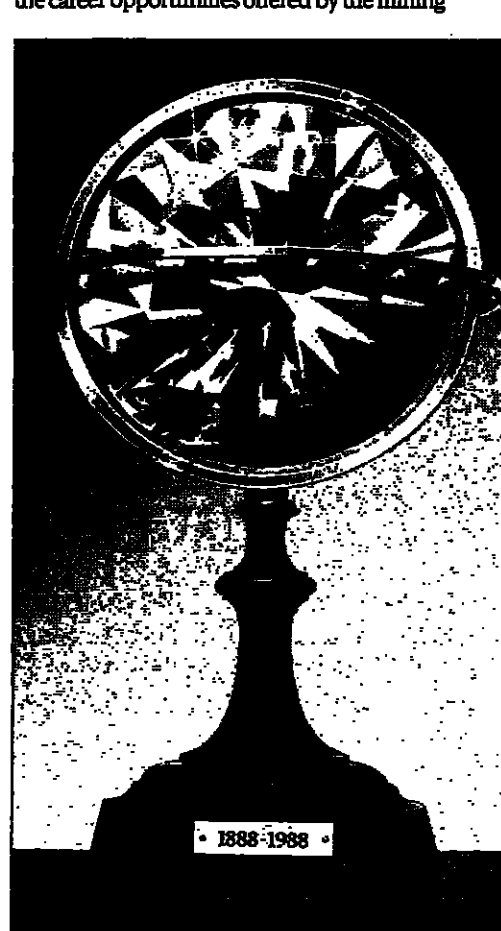
Debswana Agreement.

An important development during the year was the exchange by De Beers Botswana Mining Company (Debswana), in which the Government of Botswana is an equal partner, of part of the stock of diamonds accumulated in the depression of the early eighties for a five per cent shareholding in De Beers itself. The arrangements also entitle Debswana to representation on the boards of De Beers and the Diamond Trading Company. As the new mines discovered by De Beers geologists in Botswana have been brought into production in the last two decades, Debswana has become the western world's major producer of diamonds, by value, and it is entirely appropriate that it should participate fully in the decision-making of De Beers and the CSO. I am sure the arrangement will further strengthen the stability and confidence of the industry as a whole.

Total production from De Beers' mines and Debswana in 1987 was marginally lower at 22,842,586 carats. The mines have continued to control costs

satisfactorily in an inflationary environment. Our world-wide prospecting programmes have been continued; there are no discoveries of economic significance to report.

The employment practices section of the annual report records the progress that has been achieved in important areas. I would mention in particular the growth in our home-ownership scheme and the success of the pre-university bursary scheme for black undergraduates. To improve understanding of the career opportunities offered by the mining



The diamond industry employs several million people in forty countries across four continents of the world.

industry and its educational requirements we have introduced a new system of liaison between the mines and secondary school teachers and pupils which should be of benefit to all concerned.

Legislation removing job reservation in the mining industry has at last been passed but not yet brought into operation, pending the determination of new regulations. It is highly important that this long-outstanding matter should be brought to finality quickly, and that the regulations should facilitate the award of certificates of competency to qualified blacks.

The Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund and Educational Trust approved expenditure during the year of R49 million, of which some 80 per cent is on education, primarily to help redress the imbalance between the black and white educational systems.

De Beers strongly supports rapid reform towards equal opportunity and dignity for all South Africans, based on full participation in the political process. Regrettably, I cannot report any notable progress in

this direction in the year under review. The May 1987 election for the White Chamber of Parliament was fought largely on the issues of sanctions and security, and the response of the electorate, significantly, showed a marked swing to the right, with Afrikaans-speaking voters leaving the ruling National party for the Conservative party, while English-speakers swung from the Progressive Federal party and the New Republic party to the Nationalists. The overall effect was to make the Government much more concerned about pressure from its right - the Conservative party having replaced the Progressives as the official opposition - than from its left, and in consequence the reform process came almost to a halt. The Group Areas Act, one of the last great pillars of apartheid, is to be amended, not scrapped, and it remains to be seen whether the changes to be tabled will be bold enough to relieve the pressure on the few "grey" residential areas that have been tolerated.

KwaZulu/Natal Indaba.

A measure of consolation may be found in the fact that some of the positive changes made in earlier years have continued to bear fruit. In industrial relations, in education, in housing and in black participation in business, particularly in the informal sector, there has been progress. A joint executive authority between Natal and KwaZulu has been established and the Government, notwithstanding some discouraging statements, is said still to be considering the innovative constitutional proposals of the KwaZulu/Natal Indaba.

South Africa continues to be governed under a state of emergency, and recently far-reaching new restrictions were imposed upon a number of political and semi-political organisations. It is not easy to discern the reasons for what was done; if it is indeed true that South Africa can only be governed by such methods as these, then the need for constitutional reform is obviously greater than ever.

Despite sanctions and disinvestment there has been a marked recovery in economic activity, and in the black urban areas at least there seems to be some improvement in the quality of life. The Government's major concern now is to embark on a wide-ranging reform of the economic system. That is certainly as important as it is welcome, but it has to be realised that economic progress and political reform go together. One effect of the recent bannings may be to intensify sanctions and disinvestment, counter-productive though they have proved to be politically, and damaging as they are to the livelihood of those they ostensibly seek to help. More than ever it is urgently necessary to negotiate and implement a constitution which can provide equal opportunity and political participation for all, protected by an entrenched Bill of Rights.

The full Chairman's Statement is contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1987 which was posted to registered Shareholders on 18th April 1988.

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Gov't seeking to get Ports Authority money returned

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA - The government will ask the Knesset to amend its recent ruling requiring the Ports Authority to hand over the bulk of its development fund for use in the government's general budget.

At the request of the Shippers Council, Transport Minister Haim Corfu Sunday requested the inter-ministerial legislative committee to raise the matter in the Knesset at a forthcoming session.

The ministers decided to ask the Knesset to revert to the original recommendation of the Knesset Finance Committee, which says that in the current fiscal year the authority pay the government a sum of NIS 220 million for the Israel Railways properties it is due to take over and an additional NIS 55m. in royalties

for the use of the lands on which the ports stand. The railways are due to be merged with the authority.

This would amend the decision of the plenary, taken before midnight at the last meeting of the Knesset's winter session, that the authority hand over NIS 720m. of its NIS 1 billion development fund to the government. The decision was adopted by a majority of one, among the 25 members present, on the recommendation of Labour MK Haim Ramon.

The Shippers Council, which represents the importers and exporters who use the ports, had threatened to go to the High Court to have the decision reversed as illegal, if the government failed to have it reversed.

J'lem hotels forced to go to short work week

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem hoteliers will introduce four- and five-day work weeks to avoid having to make staff cutbacks for as long as possible, Jerusalem Hotel Association chairman Yehuda Greenbaum said yesterday.

The average hotel occupancy in the capital during Pessah was around 75%, he said, and since then it has plummeted by between 15 and 20 percentage points. The outlook for May and June is pessimistic.

On that basis, noted Greenbaum, it would not be in the financial interests of any hotel to retain its full staff load. However several hotels, taking into account what they had invested in training programmes and not wanting to lose good workers, are introducing shorter work weeks. The hope is that the unrest in the territories will cease and the capital will witness a fresh boom in tourism.

If there is no upturn in incoming tourism statistics, said Greenbaum, hotels will have to cut back on manpower by 10%-20%.

Some hotels, he observed, were already experiencing cash-flow problems. It was ironic, noted Greenbaum, that up to December 8 last year, reservations were so strong

that hotels were running out of rooms. But the violence in the territories coupled with the cancellation of the Nabucco opera extravaganza had deterred tourists from coming to Israel this summer and resulted in hundreds of cancellations, with Jerusalem suffering more than any other section of the country.

On Sunday, the central Bureau of Statistics reported that tourist arrivals in March showed the first year-on-year decline in the 16 months since the industry recovered after the 1986 slump. On a seasonally adjusted basis, there were 106,000 arrivals last month, compared with 113,000 and 110,000 in March and April 1987, respectively. As Pessah came early in April this year, it is the March statistics that give the best indication of the number of holiday tourists. In the first two months of the year, tourist arrivals were ahead 15% on the year before, indicating the unrest had not yet had its effect.

To combat the slowdown in tourism, Greenbaum said he wanted to step up personal, on the spot testimonial broadcasts from tourists in Jerusalem to the U.S. and Europe and to revamp marketing campaigns abroad to give Jerusalem a business-as-usual image.

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IDB Bankholding '87 net grew sixfold

By PINHAS LANDAU

IDB Bankholding Corp., the parent of Israel Discount Bank, and IDB Development Corp., the investment arm of the Discount Group, yesterday announced improved 1987 results.

IDB Bankholding, in particular, reflected the strong resurgence in commercial bank results last year with a near sixfold rise in net profit, to NIS 45.5 million on an inflation-adjusted basis.

Pre-tax operating profit climbed 268% to NIS 171.9m., of which 63% was paid in taxes, to leave a net operating profit of NIS 64.2m. To this was added NIS 24.2m. as the holding company's share of subsidiaries' and affiliates' profits. But from this total of NIS 88.4m., almost half, or NIS 42.9m., was deducted as representing the share of outside shareholders, leaving a net profit of NIS 45.5m.

IDB Bankholding holds 66% of the equity and 60% of the voting rights of Israel Discount Bank, and 81% of the equity and voting rights of IDB Development.

The heavy dollar-orientation of the investments and assets of the Discount Group was the main cause of a 3% fall in ID Bankholding's total assets to NIS 21.7 billion. The group's capital means rose by NIS 19m., to NIS 987m., rather than by the full amount of the net profit, because of the reductions in the value of dollar-denominated investments caused by the devaluation of the U.S. currency in inflation-adjusted shekels over 1987.

The same factor was at work in IDB Development's results. While net profit rose 30% over 1986, to NIS 21.1m., capital assets rose only by NIS 6.1m. to NIS 516.9m.

The company's balance sheet total slipped 1.75% to NIS 1.46b., as the volume of bonds issued, and counter-balancing long-term deposits, fell.

However, after the rise in primary capital, and the inclusion of secondary capital stemming from a convertible bond issue made last year, IDB Development's equity comprises 37% of total assets. If the more than NIS 600m. in bonds and deposits — which are effectively channeled to and from the government — are deducted, the full strength of the company's balance sheet stands out even more clearly.

Furthermore, IDB Development's financial position was strengthened last year by an increase of NIS 35m. in working capital, and short-term assets totalled NIS 192m. against liabilities of NIS 132m. But in spite of the improved profitability achieved in 1987, this strong position did not feed into the bottom line and IDB Development achieved a net return on equity of only 4.1%, compared with 5.1% in the previous year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

\$29m. in work contracted by Elta in '87

Elta Electronic Industries Ltd., a manufacturer of military electronic systems, contracted out \$29 million worth of work to other Israeli firms last year, the company reported yesterday. The figure represented a slight drop from the previous year, mainly because of the scuttling of the Lavi project.

A subsidiary of Israel Aircraft Industries, Elta's typical annual turnover is \$200m. The company sub-contracts work to some 200 plants around the country, 60 of which are less than five years old.

The company also yesterday unveiled its new land-based radar system, which it says can sit tanks from a distance of 30 kilometres, cars from 20 km. and people from 10 km. (Judy Maltz)

Diamond delegation

A delegation from the London-based Diamond Syndicate arrived yesterday in Israel to hold talks with members of the diamonds industry and Industry and Trade Ministry officials.

The ministry has indicated that Israel will ask the syndicate to increase its direct supply of rough diamonds. The ministry will also raise plans to intensify research and development in the industry, especially to introduce labour-saving techniques.

According to the Industry Ministry, the local diamond industry has complained about a reduction in the supply of small rough diamonds. Israel is being discriminated against in favour of other diamond centres, the ministry said.

Tomato shortage

In a bid to end the tomato shortage, the Agriculture Ministry has asked the Treasury to finance the growth of an additional 300 dunams of tomatoes for next year. The move would increase the tomato crop by 4,000 tons and the total number of dunams of tomatoes grown in the country to 1,000.

The tomato shortage that has developed in recent weeks, the result of bad weather conditions in December, was the main factor behind the unexpectedly high 1.6% increase in the Consumer Price Index registered last month. (Judy Maltz)

Marketing awards

The "Marketing Man of the Year" award was presented yesterday to representatives of Mapro, the makers of Soft'n'Easy women's shavers, and of the Golan Wineries.

Neta Cana'ani, Mapro's marketing manager, and Shimon Verner, manager of the wineries, were cited for their success in penetrating both the local and foreign markets with their products. The awards were presented by the Advertisers Association of Israel.

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Dead Sea net up 25% in 9 months

By JUDY MALTZ

The Dead Sea Works group yesterday reported a 25% increase in its net profit for the last nine months of 1987 from the same time in 1986 to \$36.1 million.

Because the company moved to a calendar year this year, the results covered only the April-December 1987 period, although Dead Sea Works adjusted its previous-year results to make a more accurate comparison.

Net profit at Dead Sea Works Ltd. alone grew even more sharply, by one-third, during the period to \$32m. Per-share profit for the group worked out to \$1.16, compared with \$1.23 in the 12 months to March 31.

Still, Managing Director Aryeh Shahar told a Beit Sokolov press

conference yesterday that these were the hardest nine months in the company's history, because of the unprecedented fall in the world prices of potash, its main product, during April-August.

The reason Dead Sea Works, unlike other companies in its field, continued to make money this year despite this development, Shahar said, was because it succeeded in increasing the volume of potash sold to a record 1.6 million tons and because it increased its sales 12.2% to \$299m.

The gradual pick-up in potash prices evident since August, he said, also helped the company. He attributed this trend to the fact that many companies in Canada, the world's largest producer of potash, had cut

back production, after the losses they incurred in the previous year. In addition, he said, the recovery of agriculture in the U.S. had increased demand there for fertilizers, and demand had also risen in countries in South America and Southeast Asia.

The Bromine Group, a subsidiary of Dead Sea Works, increased its sales 7.5% to \$157m. during the last nine-month period, although net fell over one third to \$4.2m. Shahar attributed the downturn to the increase in the costs of local inputs.

Looking ahead, he said that if the trends evident in sales and prices during the first quarter of this year continued throughout, the company would show a "much larger profit" in 1988.

Cotton growers seek aid for eroded profits

Post Economic Staff

The country's cotton growers said yesterday they wanted the Treasury to grant them export subsidies.

The Cotton Production and Marketing Board made known its demands earlier this month in a newsletter sent to growers, in which

it said it had approached the Agriculture Ministry to compensate growers for the erosion in export profitability in the same way manufacturers to the dollar bloc had been.

The newsletter was referring to a NIS 70 million fund created by the

Treasury to help industries exporting to the dollar bloc.

According to the newsletter, costs in the cotton industry have increased some 50% to 60% in the last three years, while the reduction in the value of the shekel against the dollar has been about 5%.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Commercial Banks (not part of arrangement)			
Maritime 0.1	550	176	+3.0
General non-arr.	13800	176	+3.0

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Commercial Banks (part of arrangement - 1988 series)			
Discont. A	79700	149	-0.1
Union	136825	220	-0.4
Midland 1	41100	578	+0.7
Hapoelim A	72570	633	-0.1
General A	164890	32	-0.1
Leumi 100L	46110	745	-0.3
Fin. Trade 1	61270	—	—

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi 100L	2110	215	+4.2
Dev. Mort.	3300	157	—
Midland 1	6470	100	—
First Int'l Mort.	22000	88	—
Tel Aviv 1	2888	—	—
Contractors	18900	5	-1.1
Cit. Leasing 0.5	—	—	—

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Insurance			
Reinsurance 5	182	1500	-0.9
Hadar 1	134	1080	+0.8
Phoenix 1	1080	293	+0.7
Hemdatim 1	4485	380	—
Cit. Insurance	315	7800	-1.1
Manorah 1	1366	185	+1.3
Securities	805	1200	+1.3

Name	Price	Volume	% Change
Trade & Services			
Integrals 1	755	1888	+1.3
Leumi 100L	530	1923	—
Crystal	n.l.	n.l.	—
Supertel A	340	10000	+1.5
Leumi 100L	479	2038	-5.0
Cold Storage 1	1080	12	-3.8
Bender Wines 1	1200	12	-3.8
Den Hotels 1	1351	357	-0.6
Carot Beach	8940	75	+0.1
Red Sea Hotels	212	14000	+1.0
Hilton 1	1515	2000	—
M.L.L. 1	5500	88	—
W.N.B.	880	200	—
Team 1	595	115	+2.6

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Real Estate, Bldg., Agriculture			
Al-Rov	352	570	+2.3
Al-Rov 0.1	36500	24	+0.8
Aradim 1	2500	54	+4.0
Denimor	400	20	—
Bayad 1	3505	400	+1.0
Iera	18850	63	—
MTM	n.l.	n.l.	—
W.K. Resources	n.l.	n.l.	—
Lifshitz	215	2000	+2.4
Metadrin	5120	380	—
Hedertim Prop.	1453	152	+1.1

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Industrials			
Dubek 1	2170	100	-0.9
Tempo 1	25500	25	+1.1
Sunroof	15700	5	—
Asia	277	5088	-0.7
Adgar	1172	388	-1.1
Argaman	7800	42	—
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Epitaph for the NRP

IT WAS BUT another indication of their continued blind disregard of the writing on the wall that the now middle-aged leaders of the NRP's belligerent Ashkenazi Young Guard were startled, nay shocked, by the results of the convention voting for the National Religious Party's next Knesset list. Now, at long last, they have discovered what most everyone else knew all along. They are finished as the NRP's ruling faction.

The party itself, once a citadel of religious and nationalist moderation, has been hijacked by an alliance of nationalist and religious "ultras" aided by the large, but long under-represented, Sephardi segment within the party, who jointly outbid the Young Guard in belligerence.

True, the group around Zevulun Hammer, the religious affairs minister, is not quite out, yet. Licking their wounds and examining future options, as they started doing behind closed doors yesterday, the one-time rebels may still point to the fact that Mr. Hammer himself is No. 2 on the Knesset list; that his closest party colleague, Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, is No. 7, and that the No. 3 spot is occupied by Yigal Bibi, member of the once-ruling, moderate Lamifne faction which, in the circumstances, might be considered an ally.

But there must be scant comfort in such sophistry. The plain fact is that the "ultras" have taken three of the top five places. Coaxed back some years ago by Mr. Hammer himself out of a party self-imposed exile, Avner Shaki, the Who's a Jew diehard, and a Sephardi, now heads the list. Two spots down is Hanan Porat, the Gush Emunim co-founder, who has come back from Teliya, via Matzad, in the hope of reshaping the NRP as an Orthodox version of Teliya. In this effort Mr. Porat should have the help of No. 5, the militant Sephardi Rabbi Yitzhak Levy, who is the party's secretary.

There is a measure of poetic justice in this secular NRP version of the *had gadia* roundabout. Having knifed Lamifne's venerable Dr. Yosef Burg in the back, crying Greater Eretz Yisrael forever, Mr. Hammer has now been hit over the head by Mr. Shaki, carrying the torch for the halachic straight and narrow, and by Mr. Porat arguing for an iron fist in the territories. In the meantime Dr. Burg, still refusing to bite the political dust, is smilingly kicking Mr. Hammer from behind, vowing to stay in the party no matter what.

That is what Mr. Hammer may be forced to do, too, while swallowing his pride, unless he can prove that party opinion is not reflected by the convention. There was some speculation that he might bolt the NRP and re-form it, with outside help, closer to the original mould, so that it might appeal to that moderate Zionist-religious electorate that will not follow the lead of Prof. Shaki, Mr. Porat and Rabbi Levy.

Such a party is now missing from Israel's political map, and its establishment may be the order of the day. But not under the leadership of the NRP's defecting, and defective, Young Guard. Having initially devastated his party in a fight against its alleged gutlessness, Mr. Hammer will find it hard to establish his credibility as a man of moderation. His more recent chasing after "ultra" votes by mollycoddling "black" dayanim, and by screaming vengeance after Beitza, will not help him either.

On one view, it is not Mr. Hammer who is to blame for the NRP's steady loss of political clout and ideological soul over the past decade but the country's inexorable rightward drift. But this is a poor excuse for a practising politician. As it is, not much is left for Mr. Hammer to do but help write the historic NRP's epitaph.

Verdict on Ivan

GUILTY was the word. Over a year after he took the stand in the Jerusalem courtroom, John Demjanjuk was last night declared to be none other than the Treblinka gas-chamber operator who had been known to thousands of doomed Jews at the death camp as 'Ivan the Terrible.'

It was mainly this issue of identity that kept the court taking and sifting and weighing evidence for over a year. Only a handful of inmates have survived long enough to testify, and to point the accusing finger at John Demjanjuk. Their testimonies, as Court President Dov Levin observed yesterday, had suffered the ravages of time and were on occasion in conflict. But the discrepancies were minor, and they were insufficient to shake the identification. Once the Trawniki document, a subject of fierce controversy during the trial, was also found to be genuine, the conclusion was inescapable that the accused must pay the penalty prescribed for his crimes in the Nazis and Nazi Collaborators (Punishment) Law.

Sentence will be pronounced next week, after both the prosecution and the defence have had their say in the matter. The fact that John Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian, was only a 'small cog' in the Holocaust machine need not, in itself, be a bar to capital punishment. It was only through the willing cooperation of such 'small cogs' that the machine was made to incinerate millions of innocents. But even a million times death for this one malefactor will not bring the dead Jews back to life, nor make up for the outrage of phoney 'denazification' in the early post-World War II years which let thousands upon thousands of Nazi butchers and their aides live in comfort and die in peace.

There is relief in knowing that the trial in Jerusalem of a war criminal was just and fair and, not least, educational. But there is not likely to be another such trial.

NABLUS

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stones at them, as one waved a large Palestinian flag. Inside the silent sprawl of Nablus, not a soul could be seen. It was hard to believe that there were thousands of people there, living behind the closed doors and drawn curtains. Jeeps and ambulances were the only sign of life on streets littered with rocks, debris, and the charred remains of tyres. The signs of the rioting were evident in many neighbourhoods.

At the Imthad Nisa' Hospital, a doctor said that the curfew had been announced at 4 a.m. on Sunday, as people were waking up for their pre-dawn meal prior to the first day of the Ramadan fast. He pointed to the deserted streets and said that normally there would be crowds of shoppers buying food for the meal after sundown.

Near the home of Ismail al-Wazir, a cousin of the slain PLO leader, several reservists turned back a re-

porter and told him there was no passage to the building. They wanted to have a look in the trunk of his car, to make sure he had no TV cameras.

On the way back to Jerusalem, a soldier hitching a ride described his work in the city as "frustrating." Yes, there had been many mourning marches on Saturday, but people in the processions had stopped youths who wanted to throw rocks. As long as the marches remained peaceful, the soldiers had not intervened, he said, but there was also plenty of rock-throwing and tyre burning. "As a rule it's quieter here, and there are fewer casualties," he added. What about the youth shot dead on Thursday as he stood on a roof poised to drop a cinder block on a soldier? "He died from a fall after he was wounded," said the soldier. "He came down with his block."

Do soldiers have orders to shoot at rock throwers? "To kill, if they're endangering your life."

As Israelis view the Palestinians

'I am an invisible man'

David M. Ricci

"I AM AN invisible man... I am a man of substance, of flesh and bone, fiber and liquids - and I might even be said to possess a mind. I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me... When they approach me they see only my surroundings, themselves, or figments of their imagination - indeed, everything and anything except me." (*Invisible Man*, Ralph Ellison, 1947.)

I WAS REMINDED of these lines from one of the greatest novels by a black American author when I returned recently from a week of reserve duty near Ramallah. In the late 1940s, Ellison wrote about how whites in America managed to live in the same country with blacks and yet not quite see them as real human beings, with hopes and fears, loves and hates, just like themselves.

Black folks came to work, sometimes even into white homes, but their employer never knew exactly where they came from, either literally or figuratively. Black men and women shuffled along meekly, saying "Yassuh," and "Noshuh," with a smile, and whites assumed they were happy.

What I saw in the West Bank, in towns and villages and refugee camps ranging from Hebron in the south to Kfar Beitza in the north, was ugly.

Soldiers, settlers, and Palestinians are locked in sullen conflict, where push comes to shove without warning, and where casual provocations from the Israeli side are matched by pinpricks of stone-throwing and PLO flag-flying from the Arab side.

To say that the situation is ugly is not necessarily to conclude that Israel's policy is wrong, because violent confrontation is always unsightly, and the wisdom of our policy should be judged by its effectiveness rather than by any aesthetic rating.

Still, to remind ourselves of what is really happening in the occupied areas may provide some insight into whether or not the policy is likely to succeed; and we risk losing the chance of gaining this insight if we simply look through our Arab neighbours as if they were not there - invisible.

UNDOUBTEDLY, IT is members of the so-called "national camp" in Israel, including the Likud, Tehiya and Kach, who are furthest along the road to not seeing Arabs for what they are, and therefore not understanding what the present situation is really like. These are the Jews who tell us that "most" Palestinians are satisfied to live under Israeli rule, grateful for the material progress that has accompanied our occupation.

Where then, according to the nationalist camp, is all the trouble since December coming from? From a few "inciters," of course.

On this score, Israeli right-wingers sound very much like Mississippi whites, who used to speak paternally of local blacks and blame civil rights demonstrations on liberal agitators imported from New York.

To say that most Palestinians are indifferent to the *intifada* is to misunderstand entirely the nature of Palestinian life today. Certainly, many Palestinians are pleased by their material progress, but this does not mean that their versions of "Yassuh" and "Noshuh," coming from a powerless people mainly in forums over which they have no control, should be taken to indicate that, in their towns and villages, they do not seek the same freedom and independence that the Jews want for themselves.

Maybe Palestinians would prefer the Egyptians not to come back to Gaza and the Jordanians not to return to Hebron, but surely they also want us to leave.

IN THE nationalist camp, and especially among the settlers, the unwillingness to see that Palestinians have aspirations, just as we have, has been formalized by insisting that the West Bank is not really the West Bank at all, but Judea and Samaria.

To use the terms Judea and Samaria to refer to an area populated by 850,000 Palestinians is simply to see the land as if its residents were not there, to picture it mentally as it

was before the Arabs arrived more than a thousand years ago.

Can there be any clearer case of looking through people whose complex human qualities might challenge our right to realize simplistic irredentist ambitions?

Moreover, as if this terminology were not enough of a barrier to perception, there is also the practice of using "Yoshi" as an acronym for Judea and Samaria, thereby leaving the Jews of "Yoshi" twice-removed from really seeing their neighbours.

WE MUST BE very careful not to let these sorts of prejudices impair our ability as a community to see our neighbours directly. For if we fail to do so, we may never be able to arrive at the most effective policy for securing our own national ends.

Even where we have not succumbed to such prejudices, however, I cannot see that many of us are making much of an effort to keep ourselves informed. Most of what is happening does not involve military secrets, strictly speaking, but very few Israelis are prepared to go into the occupied territories, even on safe roads, to see for themselves what is happening there.

Yet it is vital to see, with no illusions, just what enforcing the occupation is doing to our soldiers. This is obviously a moral question; but it has significant practical implications with regard to how we may expect our soldiers to behave as democratic citizens if they must continue to act, even under orders, with little or no regard for the human rights of other people.

In addition, it is necessary to consider, with no reservations, what our own responsibilities might be for the occupation, even in the case of those not directly involved in restoring public order in the territories.

Once again, it is a practical question, concerning what sort of Jewish character our community is likely to enjoy if we are responsible for sustained acts of repression.

ON THE OTHER hand, it is also necessary to see what enforcing the occupation is doing to our neighbours.

A message for those who favour withdrawal

Carl Alpert

quence, gave voice to Israel's cry: "The whole of Israel is a frontier under constant siege. Anything which the Arab states can do to paralyse or disrupt our life is done with organized deliberation. We are besieged, blockaded, ambushed, shot at, undermined and abused. I am astonished less by the occasional breakdown of restraint and compassion which mark the vision of a liberal and merciful Israel than I am amazed by our people's general record of restraint under unimaginable provocation day by day and night by night."

In 1955, to take one typical year, there were 257 Israeli casualties along the frontier - 75 dead, 179 wounded and three taken prisoner. Where did the terrorists come from? Egypt and Gaza were the source of 53 per cent; Jordan including the West Bank, 23 per cent; Syria 22 per cent; and Lebanon two per cent. And all this was before the occupation, when there was no alien Israeli force imposing its will and its "tyranny" on the Arab population.

What was the terror like in those days? Examples from the almost daily news give a good picture: October 13, 1953 - a mother and two children murdered in their sleep at

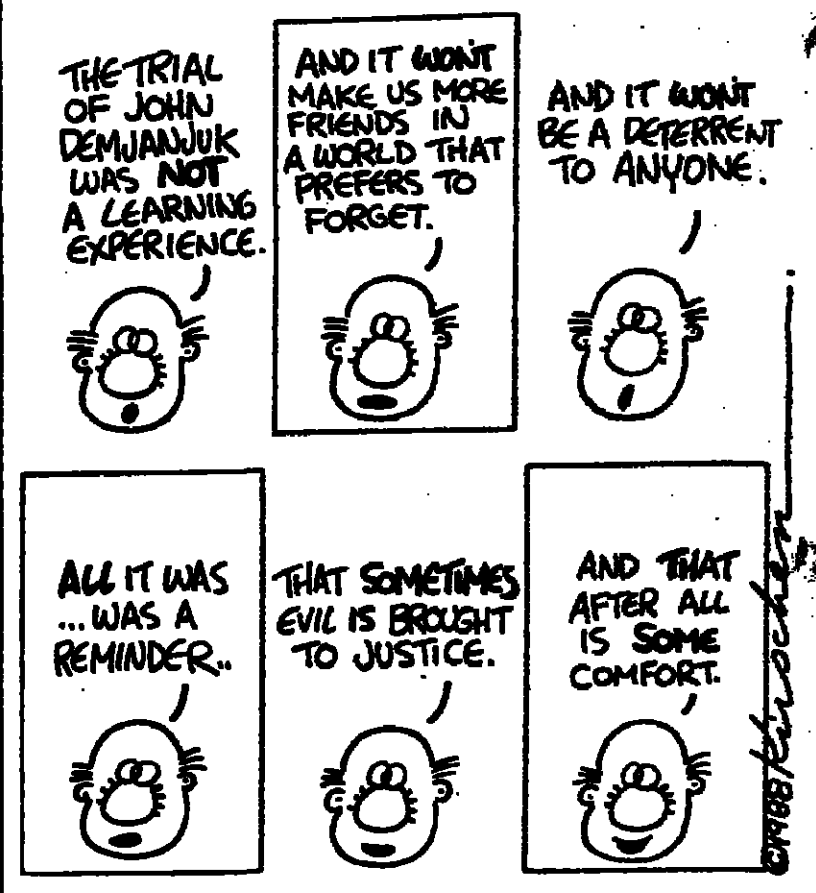
Moshav Yahud, just south of Petah Tikva. Tracks led across the nearby border to the West Bank village of Rantis. December 10, 1953 - a member of Kibbutz Ein Shemer shot by infiltrators while walking near Karkur, in central Israel. March 17, 1954 - Arab gunmen ambushed and attacked an Israeli bus at Ma'aleh Akramim, south of Beer-sheva, murdering 11, including women and children.

June 30, 1954 - Jerusalem suddenly became a target when Jordanian machine guns, stens, rifles, grenades and two-inch mortars opened fire from the Old City walls. This continued for hours and was repeated again several days later. Casualties: four dead and 27 wounded. September 25, 1954 - two villagers killed and two wounded near Ashkelon by an armed gang from the Gaza Strip.

Even these accounts do not tell the whole story, for there were hundreds of instances where our defence forces succeeded in foiling the attackers.

And so it went, day after day, for

Dry Bones



This too, is a practical matter, because we must gain some reliable sense of whether our "strong hand" measures are likely to restore order, or whether our present policy is increasing bitterness so drastically as to make any further compromise with the Palestinians impossible.

In this regard, Israeli responses to what happened at Kfar Beitza should cause all of us to consider very soberly this business of invisibility. To suggest wiping out a village as if all its people were guilty is to look through our neighbours as if they are not really there as human beings. Every community has its moderates and its extremists, those with whom we must compromise and those whom we must continue to fight.

In addition, the very strong Israeli reaction, across party lines, to the tragic death of one Jewish child should tell us all something about the extent of embitterment that must have been caused in the Palestinian community, where over 150 people have been killed since December.

WHAT ELLISON'S notion of invisible men suggests for Israel in 1988 is that relations between groups can only improve when people become visible to each other, when they know what it is that motivates each other, when they can make some reasonable assessment of the chances for combining their major aspirations.

Keeping that in mind, it saddened me to realize, upon returning home from the army, that I am probably the only person in my building who knows exactly where our gardener lives, in a West Bank village not far from Ramallah.

Among the 14 families from my building who employ him, I am the only one who has visited him in his house - actually, many times. For the others, I cannot help thinking that he comes to work and goes home very much like the American black in the 1940s, there in the flesh, but almost invisible as a person.

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down on the kibbutzim of the north from the Golan Heights.

There are families in Israel today that mourn members who were killed at the archaeological lecture in Ramat Rahel, near Jerusalem, or the tractor driver from Maoz Haim in the Beit She'an valley, or the two soldiers ambushed near the Ayalon Valley, or the woman killed while picking olives. The list is tragically long.

We repeat: Israel was not then an occupying power, but this did not deter the Arabs - the same ones who carried out the mass pogrom in Hebron in 1929, who cut a bloody swath through the country in 1936-39, who sought to collaborate with Hitler - and in 1948 endeavoured to strangle the infant state of Israel before its birth.

If there is a generation now which did not live during those times, or has forgotten what the situation was then, they should be told. It may cause them to reconsider their simplistic solution: just withdraw.

The situation is certainly not hopeless. Israel has survived far greater crises - and today we are stronger than ever before. The solution to Palestinian desire for a state of their own cannot and must not be at the expense of a secure Israel. If we stand firm, without weak hearts, we can yet convince the world of that. But first, we must root out doubts and spirit of defeatism in our own midst.

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READERS' LETTERS

FASCINATING PICTURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - I refer to your magazine article of March 25, "Life on the Lower East Side," and to Avraham Eris's pictures which accompany it, in particular the one on the top of page 10 on which I appear.

The photo was taken in 1937 outside the store at 81 Norfolk Street. It belonged to my late father, Moses Jaffe, who manufactured umbrellas there. I am the youngster (age 15) who appears in the doorway of the store in the picture.

My father was a member of the Jewish Legion and volunteered for service in Palestine in 1917. I myself made aliya in 1947 and am a founding member of Kibbutz Ein Dor, where I live with my family.

MEIR JAFFE

Kibbutz Ein Dor.

AGREEING WITH GOELL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - Please include me in the ranks of the admirers of Yosef Goell. His articles truly thrill me.

I fully agree with him that the cameramen of the western TV should be banned from the West Bank and Gaza, as they are only an incitement to violence, and, as Mr.

Goell so rightly claims there is no way that they will be objective in their coverage of Israel. The price is worth paying.

Goell is the sanest, wisest, most sensible and most reasonable of all your writers.

SALA NAKDIMEN
 Seattle, Washington.

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